

CHESTER NEW HAMPSHIRE ANNUAL REPORTS



THE PLANTING OF THE BICENTENNIAL TREE ON THE TOWN COMMON
BY THE CHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION. SOIL SAMPLES WERE
GATHERED FROM 50 STATES.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31,

1976



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DEDICATION PAGE

It is with deepest pleasure that we dedicate this Town Report of 1976
to
RUTH RAY and EVELYN NOYES
for their service to the Community of Chester.



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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

JOHN A. WEST

Representatives to the General Court

RICHARDSON D. BENTON - CHESTER

ROY W. DAVIS - AUBURN

HELEN WILSON - CANDIA

Selectmen

RAYMOND D. REMILLARD - 1977

DANIEL B. COLE - 1978

HAROLD E. VENNER, JR. - 1979

Town Clerk

ESTHER HEALEY

Town Treasurer

HELEN TEBO

Tax Collector

MARILYN MCINNIS

MARCH 1976

Road Agent

CLARENCE WARE

Health Officer and Building Inspector

CLIFTON D. HOLMAN

Chester Police Dept.

WILLIAM MORRILL, CHIEF

(Police Phone 887-3229)

Police Officers

BARBARA DOLLOFF, POLICE MATRON

STEVEN MENARD

CHARLES MOSSMAN

Special Officers

MAURICE G. COLMAN, POLLS

ERNEST S. EDWARDS, POLLS

JACOB BETHUNE, POLLS

CLIFTON D. HOLMAN, HEALTH OFFICER

Dog Officer

GARY BRITTON

Director of Civil Defense

LINDSEY F. RICE

Overseer of Welfare

RAYMOND D. REMILLARD

Chester Volunteer Fire Department

RAYMOND I. DOLLOFF, JR. CHIEF 887-3809

Forest Fire Warden

RAYMOND I. DOLLOFF, JR.

Supervisors of the Checklist

ERNEST S. EDWARDS

MAURICE G. COLMAN

JACOB BETHUNE, JR.

Trustees of the Trust Fund

ROBERT T. NICOLL, II - 1977

LUCILLE R. EDWARDS - 1978

BETTE BENTON - 1979

Librarian

ARLENE DELOREY

Library Trustees

EDWARD MURPHY - 1977

MARY JEAN COLBURN - 1978

KATHERINE HUSTON - 1979

Village Cemetery Trustees

ALBERT WARREN, SR. - 1977

STANTON LEIGHTON - 1978

RICHARDSON D. BENTON - 1979

Great Hill Cemetery Trustees

BYRON MILLS - 1977

MAURICE G. COLMAN - 1978

ERNEST EDWARDS - 1977

LLEWELYN S. HERRICK - 1978

JACOB BETHUNE, JR. - 1979

Trustees of Wilcomb-Townsend Home

JOHN A. WEST - 1977

RUTH P. MONISH - 1978

EDITH A. NICHOLS - 1977

AUSTIN C. HUNT - 1979

BYRON MILLS - 1980

Town Auditors

JOHN STARVISH, JR.

WALTER W. KRAUSHAAR

CHARLES H. FREDERICK

Budget Advisory Committee

STANTON LEIGHTON - 1977

PAUL TRAVER - 1979

HARRY SMITH - 1978

MARVIN COLBURN - 1980

JACK TOWLE - 1981

Planning Board

LEE STRIMBECK, CHAIRMAN - 1979

ROGER DROUIN - 1980

JESSE CURTIS - 1978

ROBERT JEANS - 1981

HAROLD E. VENNER, JR. - EX OFFICIO

Zoning Board of Adjustment

CONNIE WIGGIN, CHAIRMAN - 1979

LUTHER GRIMES - 1977

FREDRICK KERNS - 1980

CLIFFORD MILLSAPS - 1978

MARK LOWELL - 1981

Conservation Committee

WARREN NOYES - 1977

GLADYS NICOL - 1978

BEVERLY CHILD - 1977

WALTER ST. CLAIR - 1978

JAMES TEBO - 1979

DANIEL B. COLE - EX-OFFICIO

HONORARY APPOINTMENTS

Inspector of Grist Mills, Factories and Sawmills

JULIUS BALCIUS

Sealer of Weights and Measures

JOHN A. WEST

REV. RAY H. COWEN

PHILIP MENARD, SR.

Inspectors of Bounds, Claims and Titles

ROBERT DOLLOFF

CLIFTON D. HOLMAN

Weigher of Grain and Measurer of Hay and Provender

LLEWELYN HERRICK

ROBERT HEALEY

Town Historians

EVELYN NOYES

LULA RAND

Surveyor of Wood, Bark and Lumber

ALBERT WARREN, SR.

JAMES W. TOWLE, SR.

GEORGE RAND

Inspector of Farms and Firesides

WILLIAM BENNET

(Holder of Boston Post Cane - Oldest Male Resident of Chester)

GEORGE GOLDSMITH

RICHARD W. WIGGIN

Keeper of the Town Pound

ARTHUR DOLLOFF

ARTHUR HICKS

Consulting Engineer and Maintenance Supervisor of the Town Chronometer

(Clock Winder)
JAMES TOWLE, JR.



SELECTMAN'S REPORT

The board of selectmen at this time would like to thank all the members of the different boards for the fine job they have done this past year and the many individuals who have assisted the selectmen.

We do believe the article pertaining to having the town reassessed by the State is very important as most of the complaints we received this year pertained to valuation. The Selectmen recommend the passing of Article #2 which refers to expanded exemptions on real estate for the elderly.

Also should be noted the town treasurer's salary will reflect an increase which is highly recommended by the board of selectmen.

We would like to bring to the resident attention that the Town of Chester (as reflected by the planning board's report) is rapidly bringing in many new residents which could become a problem in future years unless the town takes the proper measures to plan for it accordingly. We must make note at this time, when the planning board sent 60 letters to form a steering committee only 17 residents appeared for this meeting. Of 17 four were members of the planning board and two selectmen. Very disappointing!

The State has notified the town that we must start sanitary land fill as of July. This is why there was an increase in the budget for the dump. It is with great pleasure that we can report that the town's share for the Derry ambulance has decreased by approximately \$2,000.00. We should all be grateful that our welfare has been kept at the bare minimum.

Once again thank you to all who have given unselfishly to the town.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND D. REMILLARD
DANIEL B. COLE
HAROLD E. VENNERS, JR.
Board of Selectmen

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash:		
In hands of treasurer	<u>\$ 32,888.93</u>	\$ 32,888.93
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Fire Department - FM Radios	<u>5,000.00</u>	5,000.00
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1975	8,728.54	
Levy of 1974	<u>3,245.43</u>	11,973.97
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1976, Including Resident Taxes	127,165.90	
Levy of 1975	290.96	
Levy of 1974	<u>60.00</u>	127,516.86
Total Assets		177,379.76
Current Deficit (Excess of liabilities over assets)		<u>86,839.92</u>
GRAND TOTAL		\$264,219.68

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
School District Tax Payable	<u>259,219.68</u>	259,219.68
Capital Reserve Funds:		<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Liabilities - GRAND TOTAL		\$264,219.68

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes:		
Property Taxes - 1976	\$446,504.95	
Resident Taxes - 1976	8,290.00	
Yield Taxes - 1976	<u>3,697.15</u>	458,492.10
Total Current Year's Taxes Collected and Remitted		77,146.27
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes - Previous Years		3,070.00
Resident Taxes - Previous Years		2,434.09
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes		

Penalties: Resident Taxes	\$ 354.00
Tax sales redeemed	19,991.72
From State:	
Highways and Bridges:	11,857.62
Interest and dividends tax	10,098.91
Savings Bank Tax	3,229.03
Fighting forest fires	36.00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	457.69
Meals and Rooms Tax	11,721.15
Reimbursements a/c Business Profits Tax	4,611.24
All Other Receipts from State	949.00
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:	
Dog Licenses	664.00
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	1,169.00
Rent of town property	40.00
Interest received on deposits	1,945.48
Income from trust funds	3,802.71
Motor vehicle permits	<u>36,200.36</u>
Total Current Revenue Receipts	\$648,270.37
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	\$243,573.46
Refunds	894.39
Sale of town property	5,983.54
Yield Tax Security Deposits	623.51
Grants from U. S. A.	
Revenue Sharing	14,097.60
All Other Receipts - Stock Dividend	33.04
Sale of Town & Tax Maps - Reports - Books	206.33
Zoning Board	<u>50.00</u>
Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	<u>\$265,461.87</u>
Total Receipts from All Sources	913,732.24
Cash on hand January 1, 1976	<u>32,888.93</u>
GRAND TOTAL	\$946,621.17

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$ 3,290.00
Town officers' expenses	4,590.74
Election and registration expenses	1,128.69
Municipal and District Court expenses	3,027.10
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	8,297.77
Reappraisal of Property	1,000.00

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	8,949.00
Fire Department, including forest fires	8,573.68
Moth extermination - Blister Rust and Care of Trees	135.00
Planning and Zoning	589.90
Damage by dogs	225.00

Insurance	\$ 4,896.70	
Dog Officer	597.08	
Conservation Commission	100.00	
Health:		
Health Department, including hospitals and ambulance	9,947.04	
Town Dumps and garbage removal	1,447.58	
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Road Aid	696.96	
Town Maintenance (Summer \$24,816.18; Winter \$10,112.76)	34,928.94	
Street Lighting	811.18	
General Expenses of Highway Department	1,585.25	
Libraries:		
Libraries	2,500.00	
Public Welfare:		
Old Age Assistance	2,250.51	
Town poor	630.92	
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day, Veteran's Associations and Old Home Day	49.75	
Recreation:		
Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	725.93	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	1,553.57	
Unclassified:		
Damages and legal expenses	326.00	
Taxes bought by town	17,846.58	
Discounts, Abatements and refunds	2,869.83	
Payments to trustees of trust funds	6.25	
All Other Current Maintenance Expenses Paid to Revenue Sharing Acct.	<u>2,233.00</u>	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		\$125,809.95
Debt Service:		
Interest on Debt:		
Paid on tax anticipation notes	<u>6,711.58</u>	
Total Interest Payments		6,711.58
Principal of Debt:		
Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	<u>243,573.46</u>	
Total Principal Payments		243,573.46
Capital Outlay:		
Lands and buildings	18,500.00	
Payments to capital reserve funds	3,000.00	
Tax Maps	<u>92.00</u>	
Total Outlay Payments		21,592.00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Payments to State a/c Retirement Taxes	37.11	
Taxes paid to County	30,588.31	
Payments to Tax Collector - Timber Tax	1,514.03	
Payments to School Districts (1975 Tax \$171,993.34 - 1976 Tax \$233,186.32)	<u>405,179.66</u>	
Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		<u>\$437,319.11</u>

Total Payments for All Purposes

\$835,006.12

Cash on hand December 31, 1976

111,615.05

GRAND TOTAL

\$946,621.17

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land	\$ 2,004,488.00
Buildings	11,635,603.00
Factory Buildings	12,500.00
Public Utilities	909,965.00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes & Travel Trailers	240,166.00
Boats & Launches	<u>2,800.00</u>

Total Valuation Before Exemptions Allowed \$ 14,812,297.00

EXEMPTIONS:

Blind	2	\$ 6,000.00
Elderly	16	48,000.00
School Dining Rm., Dormitory & Kitchen Exemptions		
Rel., Pat., Ed.		<u>224,251.00</u>

Total Exampmtions Allowed 278,251.00

Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is Computed \$ 14,534,046.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1976

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 190,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	5,250.00
Libraries, Furniture and Equipment	3,000.00
Police Department, Equipment	5,000.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	34,000.00
Equipment	107,000.00
Highway Departments, Lands and Buildings	10,000.00
Equipment	10,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	40,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	
Equipment	\$1,000,000.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds	
Disposal Area	2,500.00
Edwards Mill	6,000.00
Miscellaneous Land	<u>10,000.00</u>
 TOTAL	 \$1,412,750.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1976

RECEIVED:

1975 Auto Permits issued	\$ 981.86
1976/77 Auto Permits issued	<u>35,218.50</u>

Total Auto Permits Paid to Town Treasurer	\$36,200.36
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RECEIVED:

112 Male dog licenses	224.00
20 Female dog licenses	100.00
88 Spayed Female dog licenses	176.00
7 Kennel dog licenses	126.00
Fees collected after June 1, 1976	<u>38.00</u>

Total Dog Licenses paid to Town Treasurer	664.00
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Paid to Town Treasurer for Filing Fees	<u>20.00</u>
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Total paid to the Town Treasurer for the year 1976	\$36,884.36
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ESTHER E. HEALEY
Town Clerk

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Trustees of the Brown Fund, Trustees of the Library, Trustees of the Wilcomb-Townsend Fund, and Trustees of the Great Hill Cemetery and find them to be correct and properly vouched.

We have also examined the Federal Revenue Sharing books of the Selectmen and find them to be correct and properly vouched. A complete Audit Report is on file in the Selectmen's office.

WALTER WM. KRAUSHAAR
CHARLES H. FREDERICK
JOHN J. STARVISH, JR.
Auditors

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The past year has been an extremely complex and busy one for the Board compared to any previous year,

There were 21 applications for variances received and they were acted on as follows:

Section III Area Regulations para. 3.1 - 13 requests for sub-standard lots - all approved.

Section II Establishment of Zoning Districts para. 2.2 - 5 requests to operate businesses in Zone A - all approved.

One request to place a mobile home - para. 2.1.3 Zone C in Zone A District para. 2.1.1. Request withdrawn voluntarily by applicant.

One request for non-conforming use para. 2.2 & 2.3, to construct a Catholic Church in Zone A para. 2.1.1. was unanimously rejected by the Board.

One request to conduct a second business venture at a location where a variance had been previously granted was conditionally approved.

The Board would like to express its thanks and appreciation to everyone involved for their efforts and interest. We cannot over emphasize the importance of the townspeople's participation in the monthly public hearings and meetings. All decisions reached by the Board of Adjustment have a definite effect on the town and through these open meetings, misconceptions and misunderstandings can be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

CONSTANCE T. WIGGIN
Chairman

BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Budget Advisory Committee met with the Selectmen on January 15, 1977, to review the town budget for the 1977 - 1978 year. The Members of Board of Selectmen discussed in detail each appropriation requested.

We feel that the Selectmen did a fine job keeping down the budget for the coming year. We urge all voters to look over all articles in the Town Warrant carefully and vote on them as they see fit.

Respectfully submitted,

STANTON LEIGHTON, Chairman
HARRY SMITH
PAUL TRAVER
MARVIN COLBURN
JACK TOWLE

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand January 1, 1976

\$ 32,888.93

RECEIPTS:

Tax Collector:

1976 Property Tax	\$446,504.95	
1976 Property Tax Int. & Penalties	.10	
1976 Resident Tax	8,290.00	
1976 Resident Tax Int. & Penalties	41.00	
1976 Yield Tax	3,697.15	
1975 Property Tax	76,626.06	
1975 Property Tax Int. & Penalties	1,947.91	
1975 Resident Tax	3,060.00	
1975 Resident Tax Int. & Penalties	312.00	
1975 Yield Tax	520.21	
1975 Yield Tax Int. & Penalties	21.38	
1975 Tax Sales	9,053.34	
1975 Tax Sales Int. & Costs	112.20	
1974 Resident Tax	10.00	
1974 Resident Tax & Penalties	1.00	
1974 Property Tax Costs	464.80	
1974 Tax Sales	6,322.45	
1974 Tax Sales Int. & Costs	941.37	
1973 Tax Sales	2,779.98	
1973 Tax Sales Int. & Costs	<u>782.38</u>	\$561,488.18

Town Clerk:

1975 Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$ 981.86	
1976/77 Motor Vehicle Registrations	35,218.50	
Dog Licenses	626.00	
Dog Licenses Fines	38.00	
Filing Fees	<u>20.00</u>	36,884.36

State of New Hampshire:

Highways	\$ 11,857.62	
Rooms & Meals Tax	11,721.15	
Business & Profits Tax	4,611.24	
Interest & Dividends Tax	10,098.91	
Forest Fire (reimbursement)	36.00	
Bank Tax	3,229.03	
Old Age Assistance	457.69	
Highway Safety Project (Radar)	<u>949.00</u>	42,960.64

Miscellaneous:

Town Hall Rental	\$ 40.00	
Town & Tax Maps	190.46	
Pistol & Explosive Permits	44.00	

Planning Board	\$ 1,099.00	
Derry Ambulance (reimbursement)	537.00	
Sale of Check Lists	4.00	
Zoning Books	12.00	
Dump Stickers	2.00	
Stock Dividends	33.04	
Zoning Board	50.00	
Fire Dept. (mutual aid)	180.20	
Cemetery Plots & Interest	3,057.59	
Overpayments & Refunds	75.35	
Sale of 1952 Mack Truck	101.00	
Sale of land to Public Service	1,500.00	
Sale of land (Simoneau)	4,382.54	
Trustees of Trust Fund (reimbursement)	745.12	
Timber Tax	623.51	
Insurance Loss (reimbursement)	101.84	
Interest of Bank Certificates	1,945.48	
Sale of Town Reports	<u>3.87</u>	\$ 14,728.00
Revenue Sharing:		
(\$2,233. transferred to Revenue Sharing Acct.)		14,097.60
Tax Anticipation Notes		243,573.46
Total Receipts - 1976		913,732.24
Total Available to Expend		946,621.17
Less: Selectmen's Orders		<u>835,006.12</u>
Balance on Hand - December 31, 1976		
(On deposit Indian Head Bank, Derry, N.H.)		\$111,615.05

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Helen Tebo, Treasurer	\$ 100.00
Walter Kraushaar, Auditor	40.00
Charles Frederick, Auditor	40.00
John Starvish, Auditor	40.00
Esther Healey, Town Clerk	150.00
Marilyn McInnis, Tax Collector	900.00
Raymond Remillard, Selectman	700.00
Daniel Cole, Selectman	600.00
Harold Venner, Selectman	600.00
John West, Town Moderator	120.00
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	\$3,290.00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Walter Kraushaar	\$ 2.37
Edith Kraushaar	111.00
Brown & Saltmarsh	151.36
H. Earle Grant	95.00
Bette Benton	75.00
Raymond Remillard	150.00
Daniel Cole	100.00
Harold Venner	100.00
Equity Publishing Co.	6.00
Windham Printing	1,389.00
Postmaster, Chester, N. H.	127.00
Edith Holland, Register of Deeds	104.37
Marilyn McInnis	310.74
James W. Sewall Co., Tax Maps	92.00
Claire Yench, Secretary	492.00
Derry News, Advertisements	188.60
N. H. Municipal Association	236.28
Fagerberg's Typewriter Co.	60.75
N. H. Tax Collectors Association	10.00
Nancy Menard, Resident Warrant Census	133.50
William Morrill	4.00
Homestead Press	76.69
Barbara Dolloff, Secretary	475.88
Barbara Dolloff, Supplies	2.14
Marshall Swift Publication	21.00
Treasurer of New Hampshire, Boat Reports	4.14
N. H. Association of Assessing Officials	10.00
N. H. Good Roads Association	7.50
Esther Healey, Town Clerk	132.87
Brahnam Publications	13.55
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	\$4,682.74

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Lois Lee Hall, Meals	\$ 294.00
Windham Printing, Ballots	245.10
Jacob Bethune	68.00
Maurice Colman	66.00
Ernest Edwards	66.00
R. C. Hazleton	35.59
Barbara Dolloff	33.00
Kathy Sullivan	55.00
Barbara Rice	55.00
Evelyn Noyes	33.00
Ruth Ray	33.00
Dora Smith	44.00
Sharon Carl	22.00
Clifton Holman	57.00
Priscilla Malcolm	22.00
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	\$1,128.69

TOWN OFFICERS, EARNED FEES

Esther Healey, Auto Registration Fees	\$2,295.60
Esther Healey, Dog License Fees	45.80
Marilyn McInnis, Resident Tax Fees	317.70
Marilyn McInnis, Tax Sale Fees	308.00
Marilyn McInnis, Mortgagee Search	60.00
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	\$3,027.10

TOWN HALL AND OTHER BUILDINGS

Towle's Heating Oils	\$ 406.36
Public Service Co.	381.44
Granite State Telephone Co.	223.63
Fred Root, Custodian	1,050.00
Hartwell Roberts, Wood	225.00
William Morrill, Custodian	105.00
Benson's Lumber Co.	29.78
Suburban Propane Gas	102.40
Central Paper Products	32.08
Alfred Delorey	72.17
Chester Heating Oils	321.48
Jerry Menard	5.75
Marshall Smith, Paint Town Hall	3,189.00
Edwin Wentworth, Repairs	235.50
J. Pepper Electric	101.84
Douglas Boynton - Repairs	125.75
Lindsey Rice, Paint Fire House	729.38
Spollett's Store	10.73
Johnson's Window Fashions, Shades	662.00
Dolloff Excavating	200.00
James W. Towle, Clock Winder	53.50
George Brox	35.00
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	\$8,297.77

POLICE DEPARTMENT

William Morrill	\$1,896.65
Stephen Menard	1,933.03
Charles Mossman	418.74
Wayne Gates	1,176.91
Granite State Telephone Co.	794.34
Equity Publishing Co.	18.00
Bi-Rite	31.71
Goodrich Safety Supply	29.00
State of New Hampshire	36.50
American Copy, Inc.	178.89
Great Northern Sports, Inc.	49.10
Sa-So., Inc.	142.45
Scientific Detection	125.00
Barbara Dolloff, Matron	10.00
Ben's Uniform	182.18
Fisher Print Shop	22.00
State of New Hampshire Department of Safety	6.50
Kustom Signal, Radar Unit	<u>1,898.00</u>
	\$8,949.00

PLANNING & ZONING BOARDS

Derry News	\$ 58.00
Lee Strimbeck	358.25
Constance Wiggin	35.15
American Insurance Association	2.50
Windham Press - Zoning Booklets	120.00
Roger E. Drouin	<u>16.00</u>
	\$ 589.90

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Towle's Heating Oils	\$ 278.69
Public Service Co.	342.85
Granite State Telephone Co.	795.56
T. J. Feinauer, Repairs	260.50
Benson's Lumber Co.	12.25
Ashmont Electronics, Inc.	99.40
Manchester Mack Sales, Inc.	209.87
National Fire Protection Association	115.78
Derry Auto Parts, Inc.	286.36
Tire Service Center, Inc.	315.64
R. C. Hazelton	66.93
Conway Associates, Hoses, Supplies	2,778.85
Al's Service Station	381.10
Metra Chemical Corporation	88.22
Blanchard Associates	117.30
Curtis Insurance Company	113.00
Packard Manufacturing Co.	20.00
Palmer Spring Co.	539.54
Dennis Smith, Repairs	37.35

Wright Electric Co,	\$ 52.00
Gorham Fire Equipment Co,	61.50
Treasurer, State of N. H., Equipment	171.73
Genest Ford	13.89
Ray Dolloff, Training	19.00
Lindsey Rice, Training	3.00
Colin Castine, Training	16.00
Fred Delorey, Training	16.00
Steven Child, Training	16.00
Mark Lowell, Training	16.00
Ray Dolloff, Mutual Aid	180.20
New Hampshire Firemen's Association	105.00
Middlesex Fire Equipment	621.15
Ray Dolloff, Warden	72.00
Manchester Oxygen	23.20
Dunbar Equipment	6.20
Doug Boynton, Gas	29.07
Herb Rowell, Gas	45.90
Chester Heating Oils	178.15
Border Area, Mutual Aid, Dues	10.00
Alfred Delorey, Anti-freeze	58.50

\$8,573.68

DOG OFFICER

Wayne Gates	\$ 65.60
William Morrill	26.05
William Brander III, Boarding Dogs	20.00
Gary Britton	431.33
Great Northern Sports Center	45.10
Gary Britton, Uniform	9.00

\$ 597.08

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Greater Salem Mental Health	\$1,000.00
Derry Visiting Nurse Association	1,200.00
Derry Ambulance	7,718.04
Clifton Holman, Health Officer	29.00

\$9,947.04

INSURANCE

Curtis Insurance Agency	\$4,896.70
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DISPOSAL AREA

Edward Evans	\$1,112.80
Paul Gould	17.64
Brian Bethune	17.64
Dolloff Excavating	300.00

\$1,447.58

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - SUMMER

Albert C. Warren	\$3,035.15
Fred Russell	84.00
Wayne Towle	1,007.26
Clarence Ware	2,619.70
Clarence Owen	480.00
Ralph Seavey	4,016.80
Harley Earll	80.00
R. C. Hazelton	156.00
Chester Heating Oils	2.15
Allied Chemical	410.04
Penn Culvert Co.	678.98
New Hampshire Bituminous	9,408.95
Northeastern Culvert	196.45
Leslie George, Jr.	324.00
Frank Howard	931.20
Irving Bassett	594.00
Ralph Drowne, Sr.	144.00
Alvah Healey	<u>647.50</u>

\$24,816.18

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - WINTER

Clarence Ware	\$2,729.94
Albert Warren	976.45
Clarence Owen	160.60
Robert Healey	126.51
International Salt	387.72
Wayne Towle	1,068.87
Ralph Drowne	180.25
Ralph Seavey	1,460.75
Morton Salt	1,406.30
James Towle, Sr.	36.00
Fred Russell	5.00
Jerry Menard	5.88
Metra Chem	268.10
Granite State Mineral	1,252.54
Wayne Richardson	<u>47.85</u>

\$10,112.76

GENERAL EXPENSES OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Public Service Co.	\$ 48.79
Clarence Ware, Gas	40.50
Lowell's Welding and Trailer Service	70.50
Al's Service Station	12.50
Derry Auto Parts	78.22
R. C. Hazelton Co., Inc.	1,267.33
Spollett's Store	17.24
Tabor's Auto Parts	14.45
John E. Shaw	29.72
H. Morin, Welding	<u>6.00</u>

\$1,585.25

T. R. A.

State of New Hampshire, Dept. of Public Works \$ 696.96

STREET LIGHTING

Public Service Co. \$ 811.18

LIBRARY

Chester Public Library \$2,500.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire \$2,250.51

TOWN POOR

Town Poor \$ 630.92

MEMORIAL DAY

American Legion, Forsaith-Drowne Post \$ 49.75

RECREATION, PARKS & PLAYGROUNDS

Hudson Gravel \$ 186.65

Lumbertown 70.80

Mark & Dana Lowell, Mowing 468.48

\$ 725.93

RETIREMENT TAXES COLLECTED

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire \$ 37.11

CEMETERIES (EXCEPT GREAT HILL)

Richardson Benton \$ 25.40

The Champion Co. 15.15

James Lee, Maintenance 139.00

Jerry Menard, Maintenance 6.00

Walton Leighton, Maintenance 1,343.27

Jutras Signs 24.75

\$1,553.57

DAMAGES & LEGAL EXPENSES

Michael Babin, Dog Damages \$ 100.00

Jesse Carmichael, Dog Damages 125.00

Soule, Leslie, Legal Fees 326.00

\$ 551.00

DISCOUNTS, ABATEMENTS, AND REFUNDS

John Semenchuk, Abatement	\$ 66.00
Ray Hawkins, Abatement	180.00
Gertrude Eustis, Rebate	33.00
Herbert McFarland, Rebate	30.00
Dorothy M. Fortier	21.82
Jesse Alexander, Rebate	1,208.11
Doris Magee, Rebate	364.47
Jennie Simano, Rebate	488.86
D. Frederick Blake, Abatement	33.00
Ralph & Constance Schofield, Overpayment	73.00
John Broadhead, Veteran's Exemption	50.00
Clifford Holman, Abatement	120.00
Brownelle Robbins, Abatement	200.00
William Driscoll, Discount	<u>1.57</u>
	\$2,869.83

PURCHASE OF LAND

Alfred & Arlene Delorey	\$18,500.00
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BLISTER RUST

DRED	\$ 135.00
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TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

First National Bank of Derry, Safe Deposit Box	\$ 6.25
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TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

Marilyn McInnis, Tax Collector	\$17,846.58
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TIMBER TAX

Marilyn McInnis, Tax Collector	\$1,514.03
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PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

Robertson Associates	\$1,000.00
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REVENUE SHARING

Transfer to Revenue Sharing Account	\$2,233.00
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CHESTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Chester Conservation Commission	\$ 100.00
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INTEREST - TEMPORARY LOANS

Indian Head Bank	\$6,711.58
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TEMPORARY LOANS

Indian Head Bank

\$243,573.46

STATE - COUNTY

Winston Lothrop, County Treasurer

\$ 30,588.31

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Town of Chester, Capital Reserve Fund

\$ 3,000.00

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Carol Frederick, Treasurer

\$405,179.66



SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1976

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Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$572,365.76	
Resident Taxes	<u>10,020.00</u>	\$582,385.76
Yield Taxes:		4,920.68
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes	3,421.50	
Resident Taxes	<u>380.00</u>	3,801.50
Overpayments During Year:		
a/c Property Taxes		.46
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes:		.10
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes:		<u>41.00</u>
TOTAL DEBITS		\$591,149.50

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Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$446,504.95	
Resident Taxes	8,290.00	
Yield Taxes	3,697.15	
Interest Collected	.10	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>41.00</u>	\$458,533.20
Discounts Allowed:		3,357.48
Abatements Made During Year:		
Property Taxes	<u>2,092.92</u>	2,092.92
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1976:		
(As Per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	\$123,832.37	
Resident Taxes	2,110.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>1,223.53</u>	127,165.90
TOTAL CREDITS		\$591,149.50

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1975

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Uncollected Taxes - as of January 1, 1976:

Property Taxes	\$ 77,109.86	
Resident Taxes	3,180.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>2,472.03</u>	
		\$ 82,761.89

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	2,515.86	
Resident Taxes	<u>790.00</u>	
		3,305.86

Overpayments:

a/c Property Taxes	<u>.20</u>	
		.20

Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes:

2,412.71

Interest & Penalties on Yield Tax:

21.38

Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes:

312.00

TOTAL DEBITS

88,814.04

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Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year

Ended December 31, 1976:

Property Taxes	\$ 76,626.06	
Resident Taxes	3,060.00	
Yield Taxes	520.21	
Interest Collected During Year	2,433.99	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>312.00</u>	
		82,952.26

Abateements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	2,899.00	
Resident Taxes	720.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>1,951.82</u>	
		5,570.82

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1976:

(As Per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	100.96	
Resident Taxes	<u>190.00</u>	
		<u>290.96</u>

TOTAL CREDITS

\$ 88,814.04

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1974

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Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1976:		
Resident Taxes	\$	70.00
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		<u>1.00</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$	71.00

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Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1976:		
Resident Taxes	\$	10.00
Penalties on Resident Taxes		1.00
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1976: (As Per Collector's List)		
Resident Taxes		<u>60.00</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$	71.00

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

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	-----Tax Sales on Account of Levis of:-----		
	1975	1974	1973
Balance on Unredeemed Taxes of January 1, 1976		\$9,430.06	\$2,821.43
Added Taxes		293.20	
Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	\$17,817.33		
Interest Collected After Sale	112.20	941.37	782.38
TOTAL DEBITS	\$17,929.53	\$10,664.63	\$3,603.81

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Remittances to Treasurer During Year:			
Redemptions	\$ 9,053.34	\$6,322.45	\$2,779.98
Interest & Costs After Sale	112.20	941.37	782.38
Abatements During Year	35.45	155.38	41.45
Unredeemed Taxes - December 31, 1976	8,728.54	3,245.43	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$17,929.53	\$10,664.63	\$3,603.81

VILLAGE CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT

In accordance with the vote of the 1975 Town Meeting, 8 monuments from the period 1754 to 1780 were relocated from the abandoned Presbyterian Church burial ground, off of Halls Village Road, to the old section of the Village Cemetery.

For the Bi-Centennial observation, the grime and moss of 2 centuries was scraped and scrubbed from approximately 100 monuments in the old section of the Village Cemetery; prior to Memorial Day 13 star "Betsy Ross flags" were placed on the graves of 29 soldiers of the American Revolution, where they remained until after Veterans Day. The railing surrounding the graves of 2 Revolutionary War soldiers, close to the Shepard Home Road, was replaced and 13 star flags placed on the graves. Vandals had earlier carried off the railing and flags.

The evening work project, by the Trustees and Superintendent, to repair and upright monuments in the Village Cemetery is now almost completed, and a similar project has been started in the Sanborn Cemetery on Fremont

The Fortnightly Club participated in the cemetery beautification project by their donation and planting of several "burning bush" shrubs.

Due to unforeseen complications, the offer of a gift of 1/2 acre of land abutting Cemetery, which the Town Meeting of 1974 voted to accept, was withdrawn by the donor.

Walton Leighton does not intend to continue as Superintendent after 4 years of fine service in that position; the excellent appearance of the town cemeteries is largely due to his interest and diligent efforts.

Bert Warren has completed 26 years as a Trustee of the Village Cemeteries, and has devoted much time and energy to the improvement of the cemeteries.

There were 7 interments in 1976, all in the Village Cemetery.

BERT WARREN, Chairman
STANTON LEIGHTON
RICHARDSON D. BENTON, Clerk
Village Cemetery Trustees

WALTON LEIGHTON, Superintendent

LIBRARY REPORT

"Portsmouth was the capital of the New Hampshire colony, and had been settled a long time, yet no means had been used to introduce printing into it until about the year 1755, when several of the influential inhabitants exerted themselves for this purpose; and, in the year following, the press was established there, at which was executed the first printing done in N. H." The above paragraph is taken from THE HISTORY OF PRINTING by Isiah Thomas. It is a very interesting book and can be borrowed from the library.

The Library welcomes donations of money to purchase a book or books as a memorial to a friend or a loved one. Four new books were purchased for this reason.

Library statistics are interesting to look over and compare with past years and with other libraries. Our circulation for 1975 was 6,735; for the year 1976, it was 8,887; that is over 730 books per month. We have added 232 new books this year for the adult reader, and 76 for children. There are 15 magazines to choose from, nine of which come as donations. The Smithsonian was added this year, and so was World; it is for children.

119 library cards were issued to new patrons this year. Come to the library - it's a good place to meet a new friend. The Library hours are: Tuesday - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday - 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday evening; Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. As you can see there are four more hours added over last year's schedule, just looking at the circulation and new library cards issued explains the need.

A Story Hour with a film was held each Tuesday morning during the summer. An average of 45 children attended. Without plenty of helpful volunteers this would be impossible for the Librarian to do alone, thank you very much for your help. The Reading Club for school children is enjoyed by many. The ones who finish the requirements receive a prize, and to the donors, we say Thanks.

The Childrens' Garden School with Mrs. Barbara Dolloff, published a booklet, called "UNFORGETTABLE QUOTES FROM THE KINDGARTEN FOLKS". They are for sale in the Library. The money raised will be used to buy books for the kindergarten reading level and placed in the Library for all young folks to enjoy.

The Library receives about 400 books in all reading levels, from the State Bookmobile every three months, at which time we return the last delivery. I wish to thank the people who have helped in the project.

The Library started getting the Derry News, which I thought was a new idea, but I notice from reading a library report from the year 1942, it was offered here then. Also, from that old report, I learned the following; Mr. Amos Tuck French presented the Library with the busts of George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. They were made by Houdou, a French sculptor.

The Trustees are Katherine Houston, Mary Jean Colburn, and Edward J. Murphy, all of whom devote many hours of their personal time to the library.

Respectfully submitted,

ARLENE DELOREY
Librarian

TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE CHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

RECEIPTS:

Balance on Hand	\$ 661.80
Chase & Steven Trust	52.73
Town Appropriation	2,500.00
Gifts & Food Sale	143.10
Fines	<u>125.82</u>

Total Receipts \$3,483.45

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salary, Librarian	\$1,338.60
Books & Magazines	1,509.13
Supplies	209.56
P. O. Box Rent	6.00
N. H. State Library	<u>63.56</u>

Total Disbursements 3,126.85

BALANCE ON HAND \$ 356.60

The outstanding bills will use up this balance before the next quarter.

Respectfully submitted,

ARLENE DELOREY
Librarian

GREAT HILL CEMETERY TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, Balance brought forward from 1975	\$ 893.75	
Received from sale of lots	545.00	
Received from burials	850.00	
Received from opening grave	100.00	
Received by transfer from savings account	<u>500.00</u>	
Total Receipts	\$2,888.75	
Paid treasurer of Trust for Perpetual Care from 1975		\$ 940.20
Paid Curtis Insurance Co. 1976 Bonding		10.00
Paid for burials		830.00
Paid for use of compressor		25.00
Paid for tree replacement		56.90
Paid for mowing		180.00
Paid for miscellaneous parts and labor		<u>62.49</u>
Total Payments		\$2,104.59
To balance		<u>784.16</u>
		\$2,888.75
Cash on Hand, January 1, 1977	\$ 784.16	
Savings Account:		
January 1, 1976, Balance on Hand	\$4,586.09	
Received from Treasurer of Trust Funds	976.87	
Received from Savings Bank interest	<u>230.93</u>	
	\$5,793.89	
Paid by transfer to checking account		\$ 500.00
To balance		5,293.89
Balance on Hand in Savings Account for January 1, 1977	\$5,293.89	
Total Balance on Hand January 1, 1977	6,078.05	
Lester Lewis Sr. Memorial Fund		
Balance on Hand January 1, 1977	\$ 244.96	

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE G. COLMAN
Treasurer

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

In 1976, the Spirit of '76 Committee received and spent monies from the National Bicentennial Committee, that were specifically designated for assistance on our "lasting reminder" project: this project being the reconstruction of Edward's Mill.

The Spirit of '76 Committee matched the national contribution of \$1,000, and have expended the whole \$2,000.00, on repairs to the dam, raceway walls, and also purchased a large portion of the lumber for the building.

Progress to date is slow, but methodical. The bottom of the pond was dredged to clear away the mud in that area to make it possible to do complete and durable repairs to the dam and its gates. The mud was traded to Jake Donigian for a small parcel of land on the back side of the dam.

The top of the raceway walls are repaired and nearly ready for the building. Some work has been done on the Water Wheel and the Wheel box. Most of the lumber for the Mill Building is stored at Paris Lumber Company.

There has been a number of resignations from the committee now that the celebration part of the Anniversary observance is over. Clifford Millsaps who served as Chairman since it was established resigned the Chairmanship because his work required a lot of travel and extra time. His resignation along with several others were reluctantly accepted. The committee appointed James W. Towle, Jr. to serve as Chairman and Mark Lowell to take over as Vice Chairman. Selectman Dan Cole still serves as the ex-officio.

The July celebration was quite successful with the costume ball, fireworks, parade, and band concert, especially since Mother Nature cooperated with fairly decent weather.

The committee did not disband at the close of the year, because the project is not complete, their activities will continue until they can present the "Lasting Reminder" to the Town of Chester.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. TOWLE, JR, Chairman
MARK LOWELL, Vice Chairman
HELEN TEBO, Financial Chairman
LINDA CHILD, Secretary
DAN COLE, Ex-officio

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD FOR 1976

The growth of the Town (and the work of the Board) spurred in 1976 as shown by the following statistics:

<u>Approvals</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1976 Fees Collected</u>
Subdivisions	9 (27 lots)	23 (48 lots)	\$621.00
New Homes	13	35	350.00
Miscellaneous Constructions	27	22*	<u>120.00</u>
			\$1091.00
		Other Income	<u>31.00</u>
			\$1122.00

*Includes 1 service station, 2 trailer replacements and 2 in-ground pools.

The Board meets regularly every third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall and will continue to do so. It holds special planning meetings (not open to the public) the first Wednesday of every month. During the year Thomas Lee asked to be used as an alternate member and was replaced by Fred Delorey, and Harry Smith resigned after a long, excellent and appreciated term of service and was replaced by Bob Jeans.

As there has been no effective follow-up procedure for the approvals granted by the Board and for the variances granted by the Board of Adjustment, the Board has again recommended that a Building Inspector be appointed for this purpose. The members of the Board are already putting in on a volunteer basis a considerable amount of time and to ask them to spend further time in policing issuances does not seem warranted. Also, the Board has proposed that its membership be increased to 7 to permit spreading its work load over more people.

The budget of the Board must of necessity be increased. Reproduction and mailing costs have increased considerably and some expenditures will have to be made for maps, publications, seminars, supplies, and the like as we continue with our planning work. In any event, there is no reason why the Planning Board (and Building Inspector) cannot be more than self-supporting by a proper increase in the permit fees, which has been suggested to the Selectmen.

The Board organized the first meeting of the Planning Advisory Committee on January 5, 1977, to help take care of the planning work load and to involve a wide spectrum of voters in the planning process. Henceforth, this Committee will operate autonomously and make its own reports.

It is imperative that Chester develop a master plan to guide and control its growth, to protect itself from the blight of urban sprawl, and to save the values now present in our Town. Recent court decisions have made it clear: no plan, no protection!

LEE A. STRIMBECK, Chairman
JESSIE CURTIS, Secretary
HAROLD VENNEN, Selectman
ROGER DROUIN

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Commission's main activity for 1976, was the planting of a Bicentennial tree on the Town Common. Work on the project began in January when a list of Land Grant Colleges was received from Nobel Peterson, Professor of Soil Sciences at U. N. H. Letters were sent to all of the colleges and with follow-up correspondence, we reached our goal of obtaining soil samples from each of the 50 states plus Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

It was an exciting experience that responses were so positive. The Boy Scouts participated in the planting service by placing soil samples from each state around the tree and mapping out the states as they came into the union. It is our hope that a future generation of Chester Citizens will be inspired by our Bicentennial tree and the working together of so many that made it possible.

The Commission was interested in looking into acquiring easements from land owners to protect open space. Malcolm Taylor, Executive Secy. for State Con. Com., furnished us names of towns in N. H. who have done work in this area. Letters were sent to these towns and we are continuing inquiry into this matter.

A joint project is underway with 13 neighboring communities: The future of Southern New Hampshire Waters. The purpose of this project is to provide an opportunity for the people of southern New Hampshire to examine the current uses and abuses of their lakes, ponds, streams, and related wetlands and to explore the alternatives open to each community for future management of the areas waters. The Chester Commission is working with the other commissions to make this a meaningful project.

Expenses for the year ----

State dues	1-8-76	\$35.00
Postage on		
soil samples	2-24-76	\$18.49
Heimlich's Nurseries	6-28-76	<u>\$25.00</u>
Total		\$78.49

Respectfully submitted,

GLADYS NICOLL, Chairman
WARREN NOYES, Treasurer
BEVERLY CHILD, Secretary
WALT ST. CLAIR
JAMES TEBO
JACK TOWLE

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

WINTER MONEY

Monies used in the plowing, sanding and salting of roads. The end of Dec. 1976 has been very costly. Due to the many storms causing ice build up. So the need of more salt then previous years. The cost of salt has increase three dollars over last year per. Ton. The cost of a trailer truck load is on the average of five hundred dollars.

SUMMER MONEY

Bridges - The approach to the Exeter River Bridge, has been widen on both sides. The bridge by Chet Towles, on the Fremont Rd., have had the guard rails replaced and painted.

Road Repairs - 1 mile of the Towle Rd, has been mixed. 6/10's of a mile on the Fremont Rd, has been mixed also 1/10 of a mile sealed. 5/10's of a mile of No. Pond Rd., Webster Lane and half of the Halls Village Rd, have been sealed. There has been 5/10's of a mile on the E. Derry Rd, asphalted with M. C. 800.

Parts of the following roads have been gravel. Halls Village, Poor Farm, Harantis Lake, Shepard Home, Lane, Birch, Smith, Rangeley Hill, Clark and Wells Village Rd. Also parts of the above roads have been rebuilt. There have been culverts put in on the Birch, No. Pond, Poor Farm, and E. Derry Roads. All gravel roads have been graded and raked out several times. Money that was to be use on mowing and brush along the sides of the roads. Was used on the roads that had washed out due to the heavy rains.

T. R. A. money is being spent on the rebuilding of the Hale True Rd. This road will be completed in 1977.

After 3 years the land given to the town by Gus Werner, has been transfer to the Town. This land will be use to straighten No. Pond Rd., between Lamphere and Gus Werner. At this time I would like to thank Mr. Werner for giving this land to the town of Chester.

I would like to thank the residents of Chester for their support of the highway department. Also, the individuals who help by working for the highway department.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE WARE
Road Agent

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

The following were the activities of the Health Officer for the past year, 1976.

RSA 170:4 - Inspection of Foster Homes and Others.

Homes for Foster Children were inspected.

Three Kindergartens were approved and licensed. All necessary forms were filled out as directed.

RSA 147:2 - The Chester Elementary School.

The Health Officer received a complaint March 10th in regards to a very foul odor at the school.

On March 12th a meeting was held at the school with the Health Officer, Mr. Pepper, Mr. Stickney, Mr. Scott, Mr. Potter, Mr. Dickenson of Dickenson Holden and Associates of Concord.

It was agreed that corrective measures would be taken.

On June 14, 1976 a complaint from Halls Village was made to the Health Officer, that sewage was coming up through the ground with a bad odor on a neighbor's property.

This was investigated and corrective measures were suggested.

A Board of Health meeting was held June 22, 1976.

An investigation on July 19, 1976 of a complaint on Fremont Road that sewage was coming out on top of the ground. Upon examination it was disclosed that the pipes in the leach field had been damaged. This has been corrected.

29 new installations were inspected and approved.

13 replacement systems inspected and approved.

Many requests for technical advice on planned construction of sanitary sewerage disposal systems. After inspection of sites and examination of soil-survey maps -- some were disapproved.

Several violations were investigated and corrective measures have been taken.

NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS OF CHESTER

RSA 147:2 and 149E - Inspection of Septic Tank Systems for Sewage Disposal.

The Health Officer was appointed an agent of the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission for the inspection of all Sanitary Sewage Disposal Systems constructed as per requirements of the Commission in the Town of Chester, New Hampshire.

A \$25.00 fee for each original application for a first inspection; then a \$5.00 fee for each visit in advance thereafter.

Respectfully submitted,
Health Officer for Chester
CLIFTON D. HOLMAN

Agent for N. H. W. S. & P. C. C.

DERRY VISITING NURSE ASSOC. REPORT

1975/1976 was our sixth year of service to Chester residents. It was also the tenth year of Medicare legislation and now, as in 1966, the only way home health benefits will be paid for by Medicare is when they are provided by a certified home health agency. Derry Visiting Nurse Association undergoes re-evaluation and must meet strict standards every year in order to be re-certified. It's fiscal records also are carefully audited annually.

During 1975 - 1976, 201 home nursing visits and 33 units of physical therapy were provided to Chester residents, including visits through the Medicare program. A great increase in service was seen in the Homemaking/Home Health Program which provided 305 visits this year compared to 183 the year before, for a total of 614 hours compared to 425 hours. This service is only in it's second year, but is proving to be of real help in oftimes postponing nursing home admission for the elderly and easing home care following hospital discharge for many.

Fifty visits were made to newborns and their mothers during 1975 - 1976 by agency public health nurses. These are "no fee" visits provided through town appropriations. In February, 1976, Derry Visiting Nurse Association was awarded a grant from the state Bureau of Maternal and Child Health to help to increase efforts in providing more in-depth and supportive kinds of visits in this area. Under this program the state is asking local visiting nurse agencies to identify and provide assistance, especially to infants and families who might have greater health or development risks. However, our own commitment is to make ourselves available, also, for support of all families of newborns and pre-school children. Our major opportunity to be of assistance is by making a visit as soon as possible after mother and baby come home from the hospital. Because hospital referrals are not certain, and are often delayed, families wishing such a visit should feel free to call our office Monday through Friday, from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. at 432-7776 or 434-5806. Anyone who might need help in making out applications to state clinics for pre-school children should call these numbers as well. (School-age children are assisted by the school nurse.)

Our immunization clinics are open to children of any age and are held the first Friday of February, April, June, August, October and December from 9 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. at Saint Luke's Church on East Broadway in Derry.

Members of our Board of Directors who are currently representing Chester include:

Col. Richardson Benton, President	887-3951
Peggy Lee	887-4822
Marita Lowell	887-4251

Respectfully submitted

JOANNE MILLSAPS, R.N.
Nurse/Administrator

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Chester in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Stevens Memorial Hall in said Town of Chester on Tuesday, the Eighth day of March, next at 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

With articles 10 - 35 to be taken up at 8:00 P. M.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.
2. Shall we adopt revision of RSA 72:43-B and 43-C for expanded exemptions on real estate which provides for a resident 65 years of age up to 75 years old for \$5,000 exemption; ages 75 years of age up to the age of 80 a \$10,000 exemption; 80 years of age or older a \$20,000 exemption provided that the resident owns the real estate individually or jointly with another or his spouse with whom he has been living for at least 5 years as man and wife. Said resident had a net income of less than \$7,000 or combined income with spouse of less than \$9,000 and owns assets of any kind, tangible or intangible, less bonafide incombrances not in excess of \$35,000.
3. To see if the Town will authorize the increase in the number of members of the Planning Board from 5 to 7, 6 of which are to be appointed and 1 of which is to be a Selectman as an ex-officio member, as per RSA 36:4.
4. To see if the Town will authorize the appointment of a Building Inspector as per RSA 156:1, such person to be of the Selectmen's choosing and to be compensated solely from permit fees as allowed by the Selectmen.
5. To see if the Town will vote to replace the existing fees of Section V111-8.8 of the Zoning Ordinance for the building permits and subdivisions with the following schedule:

Building Permits

New Homes	\$25.00
All Other: Minor Matters	\$10.00
Value added over \$5,000	\$25.00

Subdivision Approvals

Two lot subdivision	\$50.00
Each add'l lot over 2 and up to 5, inclusive	\$50.00 each
Each add'l lot over 5	\$100.00 each

6. To see if the Town will approve an increase in the fees for application to the Board of Adjustment from \$5.00 to \$10.00. (Recommended by the Selectmen)
7. To see if the Town is in favor of establishing a less than 30-acre light industrial park on the Eastern side of Route 102 near the Towle Road. (Requested by the Selectmen without recommendation on their part)
8. To see if the Town will approve a \$5.00 fee for oil burner permits and each inspection.
9. Shall the provisions for absentee ballot for the election of Town officers be adopted by this Town of Chester?
10. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees or Officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

11. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges (T.C.) for the year ensuing and make appropriate of same (\$28,035.00) (See T.C. Budget figures).
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance and improvement of Highways and pass any vote relating thereto (\$12,000.00 for summer and \$10,000.00 for winter - (Total \$22,000.00) (Supplemented by State Tax Money \$11,634.40).
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the General Expenses of the Highway Department (\$1,500.00).
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Class V Highways (\$693.64), State Share (\$4,624.28).
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$2,000.00) for a new snow plow for the Highway Department.
16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$3,000.00) to refurbish Government surplus truck given to the Town.
17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of Stevens Memorial Hall and other town buildings (\$7,500.00).
18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the Town Poor: also its share of O. A. A. (Town Poor \$1,000.00) (O. A. A. \$4,000.00) (Total \$5,000.00).
19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for membership for one year in the Derry Visiting Nurse Association; (\$1,200.00).
20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money (\$1,000.00) to aid in the support of the Greater Salem Family Counseling Centre.
21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of (\$3,000.00) to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for the Fire Department F. M. Comm. System.
22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate (\$5,245.00) from Revenue Sharing Funds toward defraying expenses of the Fire Department. From entitlement periods (July 1, 1976 to December 31, 1976).
23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Fire Department (\$3,055.00) (Includes Forest Fires and Fire Trails) (\$450.00 plus \$50.00).
24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Police Department (\$10,000.00).
25. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to take (\$2,564.10) from Revenue Sharing Funds. From entitlement periods (January 1, 1977 to March 1, 1977) for the purchase of a Police Cruiser. (\$1,709.40) to be obtained through the Federal Highway Safety Agency. Total cost of cruiser (\$4,273.50).
26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Disposal Area (\$5,000.00).
27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to cover the cost of insuring Town Buildings, Town Equipment, and Town Employees (\$6,200.00).
28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expenses of the Derry Fire Ambulance Service (\$6,200.00).

29. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of (\$10,000.00) to be put into a Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of the State to re-evaluate the Town of Chester in 1978, for an estimated cost of (\$20,000.00).

31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of (\$1,000.00) for appraisal of new buildings.

32. To authorize the Selectmen to sell property acquired by Tax Collectors Deed at Public Auction.

33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of the Dog Officer (\$600.00).

34. To see if the Town will vote to close the traffic lane in front of Spollett's Store in the interest of pedestrian safety and traffic control.

35. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this Seventh day of February, in the year 1977 of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy seven.

RAYMOND D. REMILLARD
DANIEL B. COLE
HAROLD E. VENNER, JR.
Selectmen

A true copy of Warrant - Attest:

RAYMOND D. REMILLARD
DANIEL B. COLE
HAROLD E. VENNER, JR.
Selectmen

TOWN BUDGET

OF THE TOWN OF CHESTER

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1977 to December 31, 1977

<u>PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>Appropriations Previous Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year 1977</u>
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 3,225.00	\$ 3,290.00	\$ 3,225.00 TC
Town Officers' Expenses	7,000.00	4,590.74	6,000.00 TC
Election & Registration Expenses	900.00	1,128.69	500.00 TC
Earned Fees		3,027.10	
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	6,500.00	8,297.77	7,500.00
Appraisal of Property	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Dog Officer	600.00	597.08	600.00
Police Department	8,000.00	8,949.00	10,000.00
Fire Department	8,500.00	8,578.63	8,500.00
Blister Rust	135.00	135.00	135.00 TC
Insurance	5,000.00	4,896.70	6,200.00
Planning & Zoning	300.00	589.90	850.00
Damages & Legal Expense	1,500.00	551.00	1,500.00 TC
Civil Defense	50.00		50.00 TC
Health Department:			
Derry Visiting Nurse	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Vital Statistics	50.00		50.00 TC
Health Officer	150.00	29.00	150.00 TC
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	3,000.00	1,447.58	5,000.00
Derry Ambulance	8,812.00	1,718.04	6,200.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter	20,000.00	34,928.94	33,634.40
Street Lighting	850.00	811.18	850.00 TC
General Expenses of Highway Department	1,500.00	1,585.25	1,500.00
Town Road Aid	696.96	696.96	696.64
Libraries:	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00 TC
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	2,000.00	630.92	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	1,000.00	2,250.51	4,000.00
Salem Mental Health	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day, etc.	75.00	49.75	75.00 TC
Recreation:			
Park & Ballfield	500.00	725.93	500.00 TC

Public Service Enterprises:			
Paint & Restore Town Hall	\$ 8,000.00	(See town hall & other building)	
Cemeteries	1,600.00	\$ 1,553.57	\$ 1,800.00 TC
Conservation Commission	100.00	100.00	100.00 TC
Debt Service:			
Interest on Temporary Loans	4,500.00	6,711.58	10,000.00 TC
Capital Outlay:			
Purchase of Land	18,500.00	18,500.00	
Fire Department (Radio)	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Reassessment			10,000.00
Tax Map	500.00	92.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$122,243.96	\$134,800.20	\$129,313.04
	Estimated	Actual	Estimated
	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue
	Previous	Previous	Ensuing
<u>SOURCES OF REVENUE</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 1977</u>
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	6,000.00	10,098.91	8,000.00
Savings Bank Tax		3,229.03	
Meals & Rooms Tax	9,000.00	11,721.15	10,000.00
Highway Subsidy	11,857.62	11,857.62	11,634.40
Reim. A/C Business Profits	4,000.00	4,611.24	4,000.00
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	700.00	664.00	600.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	500.00	1,149.00	1,000.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	25,000.00	36,200.36	25,000.00
Income from Trust Funds		745.12	700.00
Resident Taxes Retained	8,000.00	11,714.00	10,000.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	2,000.00	4,238.74	2,000.00
Rent of Town Property (Town Hall)	150.00	40.00	100.00
Sale of Town Property		5,983.54	
Tax Maps, Stickers - Directories	500.00	212.33	200.00
Village Cemetery	1,500.00	3,057.59	1,500.00
Dividends	30.00	33.04	30.00
Interest		1,945.48	5,000.00
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing	4,000.00	8,852.60	7,000.00
	\$73,287.62	\$116,353.75	\$86,764.40
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes			42,548.64
TOTAL REVENUES			\$129,313.04

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Two bills were sponsored by myself and enacted into law in the "special session" of the legislature in the spring of 1976, both bills corrected errors in and clarified laws passed in the "regular session" of 1975. One bill reduced the cost of electricians licenses, and the second was of great benefit to all nurses, as the amended law now permits the nurses to accept instructions from any licensed physician, rather than only from doctors licensed to practice in New Hampshire.

For consideration in the forthcoming 1977 session of the legislature I have sponsored a variety of legislation. For example: to have the courts share a portion of the fines collected by the court with the towns from whence the cases originate; to protect minors from injury when riding in the rear of open type vehicles; to make "Autumn in New Hampshire" (written by the Father of a Chester resident) the 4th official state song, and to permit deer hunters in Chester to also use muzzle loading rifles.

In order to be better able to represent the views of the residents of Chester at the state legislature, I have established a "telephone asking service", by which a group of ladies make phone calls for me to a large number of residents in all areas of Chester, to ask the opinion of the residents on pending legislation. The "asking service," actually started in December, when the ladies made a survey on legislation pertinent to the legal age for purchase of alcoholic beverages.

"To bring the State legislature closer to the people", Rep. Roy Davis of Auburn, Rep. Helen Wilson of Candia and myself will hold "information meetings" on a rotating basis in the Town Hall of the three towns we represent, so that residents may ask questions, seek advice and guidance, make recommendations or present complaints on matters pertaining to the legislature of pending legislation. We hope that this will be a "two way communication" between the people and their elected legislators.

One of the extra curricular duties of a legislator is to act as a judge of various activities; this year I once again served on a panel to judge the "Miss Deerfield Fair" contest, was one of a group who judged the Chester "Bi-Centennial Costume Ball" and helped to judge the Veterans of Foreign Wars "Voice of Democracy" speech contest at Pinkerton Academy. An invitation to help judge the "Miss America" contest should come along any day now!

After the hectic pace of the Bi-Centennial year in Chester, it will be good to relax and take it easy in a normal Chester year of just plain "feverish activity".

Respectfully submitted:

RICHARDSON D. BENTON
Representative

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chester was very fortunate in 1976 by not having any motor vehicle fatalities. Route 102 was improved from the center to Lane Road and with improvement came higher speeds.

In trying to combat the high speeds, we purchased a new M R 9 moving radar with the help of the Highway Safety Fund. In looking at the police budget, you will have to deduct \$949.00 from the total spent as this is the amount we were reimbursed from the state.

In December, the Police Department sponsored a dance and from the proceeds we were able to purchase a new federal Interceptor Siren and patches for our uniforms.

With the high cost of living and inflation the way it is, we dislike having to ask for more money but we find ourselves in the same predicament as everyone else. In order to maintain an efficient police department, we need your help.

We would like to increase the police budget from \$8,000.00 to \$10,000, also to purchase a new police cruiser, which will be 40% funded through the Federal Highway Safety Agency.

In 1976, the cost to run the Officer's own cars was 19,324 miles at 20¢ per mile (\$3864.00) and 153 idle hours at \$2.00 (\$306.00), a total cost of \$4,160.80.

After paying the telephone, equipment and the cost of running the cars, left in the budget for wages was \$1,613.53, at \$2.50 per hour which meant that we were paid for 645 1/2 hours and donated approximately 3 months of our time which enabled us to purchase the much needed equipment for the department.

Below is a list of incidents covered:

Telephone calls	797
Summons for other departments	9
Paid hours spent	645 1/2 paid hours
Mileage	19,324
Accidents	39
Court cases	81
Warnings	71
Burglaries	20
Vandalism	17
Robberies	1
Indecent Exposure	1
Theft	11
Arrest	5
Emergency calls	11
Hit and run	3
Stolen cars	11
Domestic problems	23

I would at this time like to thank the Officers of the Chester Police Department for a job well done this past year and the surrounding Police Departments for their fine cooperation.

We thank the Townspeople for their continued support and appreciate the cooperation and aid given by the Chester Fire Department.

William G. Morrill, Chief

Stephen Menard, Police Officer
Barbara Dolloff, Police Officer

Charles Mossman, Police Officer
Joseph Vaal, Police Officer

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

There were a total of 49 calls to the Chester Fire Department during the year 1976. These calls were listed as follows:

Miscellaneous	11		
Buildings	3		
Assisting Derry Ambulance	4	Trees or wires burning	4
Grass or brush	8	Auto accidents	2
Car or motorcycle	3	Town dump	1
Oil Burner	2	False Alarm	2
Wash gas	2	Mutual Aid	2
Chimney	2	Stove fires	3

During the past year, the department responded to 49 calls. At the fires, the men displayed their ability to perform under very severe conditions. It was a credit to the fire department the way the men utilized the equipment and their training in the responses made.

Even though a volunteer department, the men spend many hours to maintain the equipment and training in different tactics.

We are reaching a serious situation with respect to the daytime hours. We are fortunate in that we have a few men in town who respond to the daytime calls. However, more consideration will have to be given toward the daytime coverage.

In its infancy, the volunteer fire departments depended heavily on community participation in fighting its fires: from bucket brigades to hand tubs; from horse drawn wagons to motorized equipment.

Motorized trucks bring with it the needed knowledge and training necessary to an efficient operation. It is vital to know how the equipment works.

Our fire department is a member of the newly organized Border Area Mutual Aid which means that we participate with other fire departments when called upon. It is a reciprocal agreement and this assistance proved valuable during the Jean's fire last January.

The Junior Forest Fire training program was rewarding in that the boys who participated showed great interest in training with the department during the spring field burning sessions. When the alarm rings, these boys respond with enthusiasm and a willingness to help the firemen in whatever area to which they are assigned. Certificates from the State Forestry Department were awarded to: Scott St. Clair, Mike Finney, Lindsey Rice, Jr., Buzz Blair, Chuck Frederick, Dennis Roberts, Wayne Roberts, Harry Roberts, Jerry Menard, Jude Gesel and Jake Gesel.

The Chester Fire Department is a volunteer department with a 24 hour red phone coverage. The number to report a fire is: 3250. When you make connection, state your NAME, LOCATION, AND NATURE of the fire (woods, stove, chimney, T.V., cellar, etc.) If you are a new resident, it would be beneficial to state the former owner's name along with your own so that it will aid firemen in responding to the exact property. All other questions relating to burning permits, incinerator permits, etc., should be directed to: Raymond I. Dolloff, Jr. (3809) and Jack Towle (4155).

The Chester Firefighters Association was organized during the year 1976, to promote interest in and voluntary support of the various activities of this Association among the citizens of the Town of Chester.

The Resusci-Anne fund raising activities received promotion from the Association.

The idea of owning Anne was conceived during a Red Cross Standard First Aid Course. The ladies involved in the course laid the foundation for the fund raising activities. Mary Jean Colburn, Barbara Dolloff, Sue Downing, Anne Sullivan and Joan Towle took the Red Cross CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) Instructor's course in Manchester and received their CPR Instructor's Certificates.

With the aid of training manikins, these people are qualified to teach others the life saving methods of CPR: methods such as recognition of cardiopulmonary attack, artificial respiration and external heart massage.

The people of Chester were asked to help raise the necessary money to purchase the equipment.

This started with an omelette breakfast that raised \$300.00. At the annual Firemen's muster held in August, the Boy Scouts erected their ferris wheel, held a min-fair and raffle and by the end of the day, had added another \$250.00 to the fund. The Chester Firefighters Association sponsored a benefit dance in September and the fund swelled to \$850.00.

With the overwhelming support of the Townspeople, the group were able to purchase a Resusci-Anne, Resusci-Baby (provides vital training on infants) and Anatomic Anne which details the upper airways, heart and circulation.

It is highly recommended by the Red Cross and Heart Association that in order to ensure the widest possible benefits of its application that programs in CPR should be started to train the public in basic life support.

As of this writing, there are two morning classes and one evening class in session at the fire house, accommodating some 30 people. It is hoped that eventually the majority of Townspeople will be skilled in the technique of CPR.

We thank you for your support and look forward to involving you in the classes of CPR training.

We recently completed hooking up a generator for emergency power for heat and radio operation. This was donated by the Yencha family and the necessary money for adapting came from the Association.

Once again, the open house held during fire prevention week was a successful venture and many Townspeople continued to express an interest in the Department. The Bob Child Memorial Essay and Poster material was on display and the children who participated in this contest are to be congratulated for their show of originality and creativity in their entries. Movies on fire safety were shown and demonstrations of various types were exercised through the evening by the firemen. Members of the Chester Firefighters Association were on hand to demonstrate the CPR equipment.

The Association is sponsoring the sale of smoke detector units. Look to the newspaper for further details concerning this item.

With the addition of 3" hose, we have pumped 420 GPM from Bert Warren's water hole to the Town Hall. This gives further protection to the buildings in the center of Town.

Efforts are continuing toward building a municipal building. Federal Funds are being pursued in this area.

The Department members have worked with the Derry Ambulance Service at many different types of accidents and sicknesses during the past year. We feel fortunate in being a part of this well-equipped and well-staffed service. Many times, people do not think of an ambulance service as something they will need but when the emergency

arises, it is comforting to know that we can call and depend upon them to respond. The department supports proper budgeting for this ESSENTIAL service made available to the residents of Chester.

Thank you to the members of the Fire Department who continue to work toward the goals within the Department and many thanks to the residents of Chester for their continued support given to the Department.

Resusci-Anne Project Report
BARBARA L. DOLLOFF

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND I. DOLLOFF, JR.
Fire Chief



REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Since its beginning in 1893, the State Forestry Department has recognized the fact that forest fire prevention and suppression is a joint state and town or city responsibility. Local authorities recommend names of persons to the State Forester, who appoints one person as town or city fire warden and several other persons as town or city deputy fire wardens to a three year term.

The local forest fire warden controls the kindling of all outside fires, when the ground is not covered with snow, by issuing a written permit for kindling a fire. Permits are only issued at such times and in such places as the fire warden deems as safe.

The State Forest Fire Service trains the local forest fire organization in modern forest fire prevention and suppression tactics. The State also provides backup personnel and equipment for suppression and prevention activities.

The Combination of State and local forces has resulted in one of the smallest acreage loss due to forest fires in the United States

1976 Forest Fire Statistics

	<u>No. of Fires</u>	<u>No. of Acres</u>
State	746	294
District	128	72
Town	7	5

<u>DENNIS THORELL</u> District Fire Chief	<u>RAYMOND I. DOLLOFF, JR.</u> Forest Fire Warden
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DR. JAMES BROWN SCHOOL FUND

January 1, 1976 - Balance on Hand:	
Certificate #78-171, Manchester Federal	\$6,000.00
Account #6457	179.65
Interest Certificate #78-171	890.31
Interest Account #6457	15.25
Dividends on Certificate #78-171	12.00
Transferred to School Treasurer	(400.00)
December 31, 1976 - Balance on Hand:	
Certificate #78-171, Manchester Federal	6,477.02
Account #6457, Manchester Federal	<u>40.54</u>
	\$6,517.56

REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

January 1, 1976 - Balance on Deposit Indian Head Bank:	\$4,388.00
RECEIVED - January, 1976	2,233.00
April, 1976	2,233.00
July, 1976	2,233.00
November, 1976	<u>3,012.00</u>
	TOTAL
Service Charge	\$9,711.00
Withdrawal to General Fund	2.10
	<u>8,852.60</u>
Balance on Deposit Indian Head Bank	\$5,244.30

Helen G. Tebo, Treasurer
Town of Chester, N. H.
1/16/77

DOG OFFICER'S REPORT

Being dog officer from March until present I was kept busy responding to many calls. If the residents could take the registration number of the automobiles that were seen dropping dogs in the town, it would help as it is my belief that many of the dogs come from neighboring towns. Also if every one were more careful of letting their dogs run at large, I believe we would have less problems.

Many of the calls that I responded to, the party making the complaint often made the suggestion that the town should have a leash law.

At the present time, I do not believe this is necessary, but if the complaints were to continue my opinion might change.

From March to December 31, I responded to 80 calls.

25	lost dogs
55	picked up
21	disposed of
21	delivered of owners
13	found homes for

Respectfully submitted,

GARY BRITTON
Dog Officer

WILCOMB - TOWNSEND HOME TRUST FUND

RECEIPTS FOR 1976

Received from Trustees of Trust Fund - Interest	\$4,570.10
Received Interest on 90 day Account	58.22
Interest from Bettie Benton "Trustee"	<u>76.96</u>
	\$4,705.28

EXPENDITURES 1976

Assistance to Persons over 65 Years of Age:	
Fuel - Wood and Oil	\$2,787.44
Groceries	508.84
Rent	890.00
Medical and Hospital Bills	<u>514.00</u>
	\$4,700.28
Renewal Contract of Corp. "State of N. H."	<u>5.00</u>
	\$4,705.28

TRUSTEES OF WILCOMB-TOWNSEND HOME FUND

EDITH A. NICHOLS
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS

PRINCIPAL

INCOME

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	How Invested	Balance Beg. Year	New Funds	Balance End Year	Balance Beg. Year	Income During Yr.	Expended During Yr.	Balance End Yr.
PRINCIPAL									
INCOME									
Various	Purpose: Village Cemetery Funds								
7/12/76	Various	Various	\$24,417.51		\$24,417.51	\$486.79			
	Mary E. Bean	M, F, S, &L.	50.00	100.00	150.00				
	Totals a/c Village Cemetery Funds		\$24,467.51	\$100.00	\$24,567.51	\$486.79	\$1,668.00	\$1,553.57	\$601.22
12/12/43	Purpose: Amos Tuck French Fund								
	Amos Tuck French	A, S, B.	5,000.00		5,000.00	521.99	381.61	903.60	
12/24/46	Purpose: Great Hill Cemetery Funds								
	Great Hill Cemetery	M, F, S, &L.	13,687.50	940.20	14,627.70	32.11	1,134.95	1,167.06	
2/10/10	Purpose: Library Funds								
1/ 2/31	George W. Stevens	A, S, B.	339.80		339.80		20.69	20.69	
	John C. Chase	A, S, B.	500.00		500.00		32.12	32.12	
	Totals a/c Library Funds		839.80		839.80		52.81	52.81	
PRINCIPAL									
INCOME									
PRINCIPAL									
INCOME									
1915	Purpose: Wilcomb-Townsend Home Funds								
1927	Wilcomb Home	A, S, B.	4,466.98		4,466.98		321.85	321.85	
1927	Lydia A. Newell	A, S, B.	8,907.29		8,907.29		642.35	642.35	
2/46	Lydia A. Newell	M, F, S, &L.	4,389.32		4,389.32		348.04	348.04	
2/46	Wilcomb-Townsend Home	Merch, S, B.	11,300.37	199.63	11,500.00		905.31	905.31	
2/46	Wilcomb-Townsend Home	M, F, S, &L.	6,614.61		6,614.61		524.48	524.48	
2/15/60	Wilcomb-Townsend Home	M, F, S, &L.	7,264.21		7,264.21		569.47	569.47	
3/14/72	Wilcomb-Townsend Home	M, F, S, &L.	5,144.00		5,144.00		407.87	407.87	
2/ 8/46	Wilcomb-Townsend Home	M, F, S, &L.	10,000.00		10,000.00	76.96	792.30	869.26	
1970	W. T. Drawing Fund	I, H, N, B.	248.10	(199.63)	48.47		8.75	8.75	
	60 shares stock		1,030.80		1,030.80		60.00	60.00	
	Totals a/c Wilcomb-Townsend Home Funds		59,365.68		59,365.68	76.96	4,580.42	4,657.38	
12/12/75	Purpose: Fire Dept. Communication Equipment (Capital Reserve Fund):								
	Town of Chester	I, H, N, B.	2,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00		97.75	97.75	
	TOTALS		\$105,360.49	\$4,040.20	\$209,400.69	\$1,117.85	\$7,915.54	\$8,334.42	\$698.97

Footnotes:

- (a) (1) At beginning of year 91 Individual Trust Funds had been invested in 5 Common Trust Funds (total Principal \$8920.) and an additional 68 (total Principal \$12,008.80) were transferred at end of 1st quarter '76 from Individual Trust Funds (earning 5.25% into 4 Common Trust Funds (each earning 7.75%). (2) Only \$1553.57 of the Income available in '76 was distributed to Village Cemetery Trustees since this was total needed to reimburse the Selectmen for all their '76 expenditures for the Village Cemeteries.
- (b) Only \$158.48 was expended for care of French Cemetery plot, and balance of \$745.12 went to Selectmen for maintenance of ballfield.
- (c) \$4600.00, earning 5.25% for 1st quarter '76, transferred 3/31/76 to certificate earning 7.75%
- (d) The 2 trust funds (one earning 5.25% and one earning 6.5% for 1st quarter '76 transferred 4/2/76 to a Common Trust Fund invested at 6.75%.
- (e) Funds from 2 Individual Trust Funds (\$199.63 earning 5.0% and \$800.37 earning 5.25%) were invested on 3/31/76 in a \$1000. certificate earning 7.75%.
- (f) Income from all trust funds at A. S. B. was for only 11 months since interest payable 1/1/75 was included in '76 income.

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

BETTE H. BENTON
ROBERT T. NICOLL, II
LUCILE R. EDWARDS
Trustees

BIRTHS

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Name of Child</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
1975					
Nov. 1	Methuen, Mass.	Bethany Lynn Davison	F	Robert Sanford Davison	Sandra Kay Jones
1976					
Jan. 6	Lawrence, Mass.	Heather Margaret Carter	F	David Fred Carter	Marianne Nielson
7	Manchester, N. H.	Ross Alan Emerson, Jr.	M	Ross Alan Emerson	Cathy Lea Feil
Mar. 2	Manchester, N. H.	Susan Kelley Gilcreast	F	John Raymond Gilcreast	Doris Rene Filteau
8	Derry, N. H.	Dana Richard Osborne	M	Richard Osborne	Jeanne Marie Corson
Apr. 1	Manchester, N. H.	Keith Paige Brooks	M	Donald Paige Brooks	Charlotte Arleen McDonough
6	Manchester, N. H.	Robert Rowan Miller	M	Robert Allan Miller	Jane Anne Brinkler
14	Exeter, N. H.	Catherine Lindsey Morrill	F	Robert Rockwell Morrill	Ann Scruton
15	Methuen, Mass.	Douglas Brian Archambault	M	Robert Archambault	Jill Donna Himber
19	Manchester, N. H.	Kathleen Esther Sidlik	F	Allen Richard Sidlik	Sally Ruth Durling
19	Exeter, N. H.	Brian Robert O'Riva	M	Patrick Edward O'Riva	Jane Ellen Hensley
26	Manchester, N. H.	Erica Lynn Foskitt	F	Paul Joseph Foskitt	Susan Jane Floyd
29	Manchester, N. H.	Michael Jerry Lesmeries	M	Donald Marcel Lesmaries	Jacqueline June Destrochers
May 5	Derry, N. H.	Tonya Lynn Wessel	F	Harry Ernest Wessel	Donna Lynn Leighton
15	Manchester, N. H.	Seth Ryan Vermilyea	M	Robert Whitney Vermilyea	Ellen Jane Haywood
17	Manchester, N. H.	Victoria Lee Colman	F	Ronald Lee Colman	Charlene Ann Cummings
June 11	Manchester, N. H.	John Joseph Starvish, III	M	John Joseph Starvish, Jr.	Mary Arethusa McQuaid
July 14	Haverhill, Mass.	Daniel Michael Paris	M	Daniel M. Paris	Sandra L. Destrochers
20	Nashua, N. H.	Beth Alyson Costine	F	Colin Mark Costine	Deborah Elizabeth Larnie
Aug. 11	Manchester, N. H.	William Francis Burke, III	M	Wm. Francis Burke, Jr.	Mariene Ann Charles
Sept. 2	Manchester, N. H.	Therese Michelle Gesel	F	Francis X. Gesel, Jr.	Terry Ann Butler
3	Haverhill, Mass.	Jason John Farrell	M	Mark W. Farrell	Susan M. Lemieux
Oct. 6	Exeter, N. H.	Zachary Kalman	M	Robert M. Kalman	Avis J. Siegel
8	Manchester, N. H.	Kevin Michael Dentel	M	Robert J. Dentel	Linda J. Keller
Dec. 18	Manchester, N. H.	Mary Elizabeth Leighton	F	Stanton E. Leighton	Elizabeth J. Miller

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ESTHER E. HEALEY

Town Clerk

DEATHS

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Name of Father</u>	<u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>
1975							
Dec. 26	Manchester, N. H.	Dorothy E. Grant	77	Massachusetts	F	George Eason	Mabelle Wilkins
1976							
Jan. 13	Concord, N. H.	Alfred R. Wall, Jr.	46	New Hampshire	M	Alfred R. Wall, Sr.	Lenore Hutckins
26	Amesbury, Mass.	• Alice J. Wadleigh	91		F		
Mar. 6	Manchester, N. H.	• Herbert Lauriat	79		M		
15	Brentwood, N. H.	Nora H. Hamilton	86	Canada	F	Thomas Silliker	Hannah M. Frost
18	Sandown, N. H.	• Henry William Deamon	88		M		
22	Manchester, N. H.	Samuel A. Clark	63	Massachusetts	M	Samuel A. Clark	Ida L. Gould
June 15	Chester, N. H.	William M. Magee	33	Massachusetts	M	Norman Magee	Mary Gallahue
July 5	Manchester, N. H.	Frederick Werner	83	New Hampshire	M	Herman Werner	Rose Hausmann
Aug. 5	Manchester, N. H.	Lawrence T. Ware	63	Auburn, N. H.	M	Herbert Ware	Bessie Preston
8	Chester, N. H.	Walter E. Fraser	69	Massachusetts	M	Hercace E. Fraser	Dollena McKenzie
13	Manchester, N. H.	Elizabeth C. Moore	56	Massachusetts	F	Harry E. Clearieland	Edith L. Hart
20	Derry, N. H.	Albertha E. Hanson	69	Massachusetts	F	Samuel Williams	Mary Ann Lane
27	Chester, N. H.	Eleanor D. Smart	76	Massachusetts	F	Hanaford Stackhouse	Edna Barnes
Sept. 28	Derry, N. H.	Barbara A. Blake	42	Massachusetts	F	Elmer Junkins	Marion Smith
2	Manchester, N. H.	• Dora R. Hadlock	77		F		
Oct. 12	Middlebury, Vt.	• Christie Mitchell	77		F		
Nov. 1	Chester, N. H.	Philip G. Hazelton	82	New Hampshire	M	Robert H. Hazelton	Hannah Hall
21	Derry, N. H.	Ralph Thomas Porter	52	Massachusetts	M	Ralph T. Porter, Sr.	Sarah Clark
Dec. 12	Manchester, N. H.	Richard A. Goddard	65	New Hampshire	M	Charles Goddard	Gertrude Harch
29	Manchester, N. H.	Arthur Granville Scott, Jr.	54	Derry, N. H.	M	Arthur G. Scott, Sr.	Ethel Hawley

•Transported to Chester, N. H. for burial

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ESTHER E. HEALEY
Town Clerk

MARRIAGES

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name of Groom & Bride	Residence at Time of Marriage	Date of Birth	Person by Whom Married
Jan. 9	Chester, N. H.	Earl Vincent Gaw	Hampton, N. H.	5/22/54	Rev. Hubert J. Topliff
17	Londonderry, N. H.	Vicki-Lynn McInnis	Hampton, N. H.	3/ 6/57	'Clergyman
17	Chester, N. H.	John G. Semenchuk	Chester, N. H.	6/17/42	Rev. Irving S. Jones
Feb. 28	Chester, N. H.	Virginia B. Milum	Londonderry, N. H.	9/17/36	Methodist Minister
		Philip F. Menard	Chester, N. H.	2/18/14	Rev. Hubert J. Topliff
		Ethel A. Seabury	Chester, N. H.	6/29/22	Minister
		James F. Moody	Raymond, N. H.	8/14/20	Rev. Hubert J. Topliff
		Sandra L. Ward	Raymond, N. H.	7/ 4/48	Minister
Mar. 28	Manchester, N. H.	Brian Deane Slipp	Manchester, N. H.	10/26/53	Rev. Thomas J. Hannigan
5	Manchester, N. H.	Carol Ann Bethune	Chester, N. H.	12/ 5/54	Catholic Priest
May 8	Chester, N. H.	Harold F. Merrill	Chester, N. H.	11/13/27	Jacqueline Rae
		Bessie L. Hartford	Chester, N. H.	9/ 8/38	Justice of the Peace
		Warren Edward Cleary	Chester, N. H.	12/19/47	Rev. Hubert J. Topliff
8	East Derry, N. H.	Judith Ray Gehrke	Norridgewock, Me.	1/27/52	Clergyman
19	Chester, N. H.	Daniel Roger Neveu	Manchester, N. H.	7/21/56	Rev. Diana J. Augspurger
22	Derry, N. H.	Nancy-Kay Caroline Burke	Chester, N. H.	5/25/57	Pastor
19	Salem, N. H.	Harold Willis Nason	Chester, N. H.	5/24/52	Rev. Elizabeth Walton
22	Chester, N. H.	Nancy Ellen McDonald	Seabrook, N. H.	2/ 3/57	Clergyman
		Mark William Farrell	Chester, N. H.	5/21/53	John P. Yon, Sr.
		Susan Marie Lemieux	Chester, N. H.	5/22/57	Justice of the Peace
		Dennis Michael Anger	Chester, N. H.	6/19/46	Gary K. Clark
June 2	Chester, N. H.	Pamela Gail Clark	Chester, N. H.	2/ 8/55	Clergyman
		Frederick J. Waters, Sr.	Hampstead, N. H.	9/16/19	Rev. Hubert J. Topliff
		Louise Lorraine LaCasse	Hampstead, N. H.	3/18/28	Minister
July 2	Chester, N. H.	Lawrence Clayton Pouliot	Derry, N. H.	1/ 1/44	Rev. Hubert J. Topliff
3	Chester, N. H.	Lianne Susan Doane	Chester, N. H.	7/18/53	Minister
3	Derry, N. H.	George Franz Jeffers	Chester, N. H.	1/ 3/27	Bruce R. Larson
		Irene Sharon Whitney	Hooksett, N. H.	8/21/42	Justice of the Peace
24	Chester, N. H.	Harold Lane Lewis	Massachusetts	9/17/09	Rev. John R. Beal
31	Chester, N. H.	Alice Delia Renaud	Chester, N. H.	10/18/15	Gospel Minister
		Linwood A. Leighton	Chester, N. H.	9/11/50	Rev. Hubert J. Topliff
		Marie D. Pinault	Manchester, N. H.	4/30/50	Congregational Minister
31	Chester, N. H.	Andre L. F. Groulx	Chester, N. H.	5/26/29	Philip B. Holmes, Jr.
		Ursula Menzel	Manchester, N. H.	9/11/43	Justice of the Peace
31	Chester, N. H.	Joseph A. Ferraro	Litchfield, N. H.	10/20/47	Peter H. Merluzzi
		Christine E. MacMillan	Chester, N. H.	6/26/51	Justice of the Peace

Aug.	21	Hampstead, N. H.	Dale Allen Bishop	Chester, N. H.	12/29/53	Rev. Henry Sawatsky
			Marlene L. O'Leary	Derry, N. H.	12/26/54	Pastor U. C. C.
	27	Chester, N. H.	William Francis Fairchild	Manchester, N. H.	2/16/57	Esther E. Healey
	28	Chester, N. H.	Veronica R. McFarland	Chester, N. H.	5/25/56	Justice of the Peace
			Paul Jordan Broadhead	Derry, N. H.	2/28/50	Donna M. Coit
	29	Chester, N. H.	Mary Elizabeth Young	Derry, N. H.	10/ 6/49	Justice of the Peace
			Luther Nichols Grimes	Michigan	2/10/37	Jack Dale Cook
Sept.	3	Chester, N. H.	Gloriana S. St. Clair	Michigan	12/13/39	Minister
			Charles Leo Hiltz, Jr.	Derry, N. H.	2/16/53	Esther E. Healey
			Gloria Salinas	Hilo, Hawaii	4/ /40	Justice of the Peace
	25	Chester, N. H.	Tarrell Nyles Towle	Chester, N. H.	5/17/51	Rev. Hubert J. Topliff
			Elaine Louise Young	Chester, N. H.	7/10/56	Minister
Oct.	10	Chester, N. H.	Peter George Gelinias	Chester, N. H.	12/29/30	Richard J. Federsen
			Jessica Elizabeth Hale	Chester, N. H.	8/ 8/45	Justice of the Peace
	17	Candia, N. H.	John Howard Cmejla	Pompano Beach	8/24/52	Rev. Leo Lefebvre
			Mary Elizabeth Gesel	Chester, N. H.	5/25/54	Roin, Cath. Priest
	23	Chester, N. H.	Darryl Paul Wagner	Chester, N. H.	9/30/47	Peter H. Merluzzi
			Jacqueline Elaine MacMillan	Chester, N. H.	6/28/54	Justice of the Peace
Nov.	23	Chester, N. H.	Francis Thomas Parker	Haverhill, Mass.	4/25/52	Charles F. Ryan, Jr.
			Carol Jean Libby	Haverhill, Mass.	1/ 2/49	Justice of the Peace
	26	Manchester, N. H.	David Charles Barka	Derry, N. H.	6/21/52	Rev. Edward G. Kakaty
			Deborah Ann Yenchia	Chester, N. H.	3/ 5/54	Pastor
Dec.	11	Chester, N. H.	Roger Leon McFarland	Chester, N. H.	3/10/51	Cecile Hoisington
			Cindy Lee Robitaille	Derry, N. H.	11/29/58	Justice of the Peace
	26	Chester, N. H.	Lester Leon Cash	Deerfield, N. H.	6/20/29	Emerson E. Denmore
			Dorothy Mae Nason	Chester, N. H.	1/ 2/35	Justice of the Peace

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ESTHER E. HEALEY
Town Clerk

OFFICERS OF THE CHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

1976 - 1977

Board of Education

MARJORIE GOULD, Chairperson
MARITA LOWELL
JOHN R. PEPPER, SR.

Term Expires 1977
Term Expires 1978
Term Expires 1979

OTHER OFFICERS

JOHN A. WEST (Elected Annually)
BARBARA J. CZERNICH (Elected Annually)
CAROL A. FREDERICK (Elected Annually)
CHARLES H. FREDERICK
WALTER J. KRAUSHAAR
JOHN STARVISH, JR.
FRANCIS C. WILSON
IRA A. STICKNEY

Moderator
District Clerk
District Treasurer
Auditor
Auditor
Auditor
Superintendent of Schools
Asst. Supt. of Schools

BUILDING COMMITTEE

EDWARD GROSVENOR
KARL VAN LEDTJE

ALFRED DELOREY
JAMES TOWLE, JR.

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Chester, New Hampshire qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Steven's Memorial Hall in said district on the fifth day of March 1977, at eight o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To hear reports of agents, auditors, and committees or officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
2. To see if the voters will rescind the vote of the 1976 Annual Meeting adopting a contract between the Chester School District and the Trustees of Pinkerton Academy.
3. To see if the voters will instruct the School Board of the Chester School District to execute a proper revised contract, as approved by the Derry Cooperative School District, between the Chester School District and the Trustees of Pinkerton Academy, and to see if such contract shall be deemed to be a contract by this school district with the Trustees of Pinkerton Academy.
4. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for, to receive and spend in the name of the District such advances, grant-in-aid or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from Federal, State, Local or Private Agencies.
5. To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district.
6. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

NOTE: The above warrant is unofficial. The official warrant with changes, if any, will be posted at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting.

CHESTER SCHOOL BOARD

Marjorie Gould
John R. Pepper, Sr.
Marita Lowell

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Chester, New Hampshire qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Steven's Memorial Hall in said district on the eighth day of March 1977, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a School Board Member for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To choose three Auditors for the ensuing year.
6. Shall the provisions for absentee ballot for the election of School District Officers be adopted by this school district?
7. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

NOTE: The above warrant is unofficial. The official warrant with changes, if any, will be posted at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting.

CHESTER SCHOOL BOARD

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BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CHESTER

1977-78

<u>PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION</u>		<u>Approved Budget 1976-77</u>	<u>School Board's Budget 1977-78</u>
100.	Administration		
110	Salaries	\$ 740.00	\$ 740.00
135	Contracted Services	640.00	600.00
190	Other Expenses	621.00	521.00
200.	Instruction		
210	Salaries	153,603.00	158,599.00
215	Textbooks	7,250.00	6,485.00
220	Library & Audiovisual Materials	3,840.00	4,285.00
230	Teaching Supplies	5,319.00	8,785.00
235	Contracted Services	1,725.00	6,047.00
290	Other Expenses	2,745.00	3,080.00
300.	Attendance Services	10.00	10.00
400.	Health Services	4,956.00	5,055.00
500.	Pupil Transportation	15,246.00	17,500.00
600.	Operation of Plant		
610	Salaries	11,139.00	10,654.00
630	Supplies	2,300.00	2,300.00
635	Contracted Services	550.00	1,050.00
640	Heat	5,500.00	6,000.00
645	Utilities	3,750.00	4,000.00
690	Other Expenses	50.00	50.00
700.	Maintenance of Plant	4,428.00	11,516.00
800.	Fixed Charges		
850	Employee Retirement & F. I. C. A.	11,947.87	14,175.10
855	Insurance	5,900.00	7,125.00
900.	School Lunch & Spec. Milk Program	9,380.00	12,214.00
000.	Student-Body Activities	1,100.00	1,100.00
200.	Capital Outlay		
1265	Sites	28,382.00	0
1267	Equipment	2,723.00	2,960.00
300.	Debt Service		
1370	Principal of Debt	6,000.00	6,000.00
1371	Interest on Debt	2,805.00	2,475.00
477.	Outgoing Transfer Accounts in State		
1477.1	Tuition	182,065.00	201,955.00
1477.2	Transportation	1,221.00	1,249.00
1477.3	Supervisory Union Expenses	15,840.13	17,889.90

1479. Expenditures to other than Pub. Schools	<u>\$ 16,400.00</u>	<u>\$ 14,508.00</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$508,176.00	\$528,928.00
	Approved Budget	School Board's Budget
<u>REVENUES AND CREDITS</u>	<u>1976-77</u>	<u>1977-78</u>
UNENCUMBERED BALANCE		
Revenue from State Sources:		
Sweepstakes	13,395.79	13,395.79
School Building Aid	1,847.93	1,847.93
Foster Children	400.00	400.00
Revenue from Federal Sources:		
Sch. Lunch & Special Milk Program	3,000.00	5,000.00
Title IV	400.00	560.00
Local Revenue Except Taxes:		
Trust Fund Income	300.00	300.00
School Lunch Salaries		<u>6,714.00</u>
TOTAL SCHOOL REVENUES AND CREDITS	19,343.72	28,217.72
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	<u>488,832.28</u>	<u>500,710.28</u>
TOTAL REVENUES AND DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	\$508,176.00	\$528,928.00

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This school year started off under sad and unfortunate circumstances. Mr. Arthur Scott took ill just before school started. Many decisions had to be made. Mr. Robert Kalman was appointed acting principal. His duties became very demanding and there was a need to hire a substitute for the seventh grade.

Arthur Scott died on December 29, 1976, which was a great loss felt by all of us. Mr. Scott did a great deal for the school. The staff became a team and worked well under his supervision.

During my three years as a board member, I had the opportunity to get to know Arthur. I feel I have learned a great deal from him. He was so well informed in many areas. His main goal was to help his fellow man. I will always remember him with little ones around him. If it was cold and the children were out, so was he.

Arthur was a dedicated man and I feel I am a better person having known and worked with him.

During this time, we were greatly saddened by the death of our school custodian. Bud Potter had worked in the school for 9 years. He was very much a part of our life. If anyone needed help, Bud was always there with a helping hand.

Mr. Bob Nicoll was hired as custodian. Bob has been involved in education and schools for many years. The children and school staff have adjusted well to still another change.

The kitchen was completed with new equipment shortly after school started. A new floor was needed due to the new construction in the kitchen. After the adjustment to the new equipment, the new facilities are working well. Due to the increase in enrollment, new books had to be ordered and desks and chairs were needed.

The Board has met with the building committee with a look toward the future. To date, the school is over capacity. Our graduating class this year is over 50 students. It is the largest class to graduate from the Chester Elementary School.

I have had a great deal of satisfaction and experience being on the school board the past three years. It has given me the opportunity to see what is involved in running a school. I will always look a little further now when I wonder about something involving education.

One other comment I would like to make is that the School Board and the Selectmen have been able to work together and see each other's position. We can accomplish so much more under mutual and pleasant conditions. We are involved for the same purpose: to do the best for our town.

Respectfully submitted,

MARJORIE GOULD
Chairman, Chester School Board

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1975 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	\$ 7,992.88
Received from Selectmen:	
Current Appropriation	\$383,607.66
Deficit Appropriation	38,182.00
Revenue from State Sources	11,866.92
Revenue from Federal Sources	7,815.85
Received from all Other Sources	<u>260.19</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>441,732.62</u>
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	449,725.50
Less: School Board Orders Paid	<u>443,369.31</u>
Balance on Hand June 30, 1976 (Treasurer's Bank Balance)	6,356.19
August 2, 1976	CAROL A. FREDERICK District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Chester of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976, and find them correct in all respects.

December 14, 1976

WALTER W. KRAUSHAAR
CHARLES H. FREDERICK
JOHN STARVISH, JR.
Auditors

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1975 - 1976

REVENUES

Cash on Hand July 1, 1975		\$ 7,992.88
Revenue from Local Sources		
Town Appropriation	\$383,607.66	
Deficit Appropriation	38,182.00	
Other Revenues (Filing fees etc.)	<u>20.19</u>	421,809.85
Revenue from State Sources		
Building Aid	1,847.93	
Sweepstakes	9,738.99	
Foster Children Aid	<u>280.00</u>	11,866.92
Revenue from Federal Sources		
NDEA - Title III	410.74	
School Lunch and Special Milk Pro.	<u>7,405.11</u>	<u>7,815.85</u>
Total Net Receipts		\$449,485.50
Total Payments for All Purposes		<u>443,129.31</u>
CASH BALANCE ON HAND June 30, 1976		\$ 6,356.19

EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NET (ACTUAL) EXPENDITURES & GROSS TRANSACTIONS

RECEIPTS

Total Net Receipts, plus Cash on Hand July 1, 1975	\$449,485.50	
Receipts Recorded Under Item 60 - Refunds	<u>240.00</u>	\$449,725.50

EXPENDITURES

Total Net Expenditures Plus Cash on Hand June 30, 1976	\$449,485.50	
Expenditures Reduced by Receipts Recorded in Item 60	<u>240.00</u>	\$449,725.50

DETAILED LIST OF PAYMENTS

ADMINISTRATION	
Salaries of District Officers	\$ 740.00

Contracted Services for Administration

Soule & Leslie	\$	376.22	
Charles Frederick		50.00	
Walter Kraushaar		50.00	
John Starvish, Jr.		50.00	
Marjorie Gould		<u>75.00</u>	\$ 601.22

Other Expenses for Administration

Derry News	\$	12.00	
N. H. School Board Association		169.75	
American School Board Journal		54.00	
Chester Postmaster		56.00	
Brown & Saltmarsh		50.88	
Fisher Print Shop		17.00	
SU #10 - Derry		25.75	
SU #14 - Epping		18.57	
James Towle, Jr.		66.03	
The College Bindery		9.21	
Edward O. Hatch		<u>58.35</u>	537.54

INSTRUCTION

Salaries of Teachers & Principal			127,255.24
Salaries of Secretaries			3,458.00
Salaries of Other Instructional Personnel			4,050.00
Other Salaries			3,267.92
Textbooks			2,170.33
Library & Audio Visual Materials			1,883.57
Teaching Supplies			4,509.70

Contracted Services for Instruction

N. H. Easter Seals	1,397.00	
Rinehart Inc.	450.00	
Creative Classrooms	50.00	
School Services	274.00	
Harcourt Brace	<u>61.68</u>	2,232.68

Other Expenses for Instruction

Chester Elementary School	204.72	
Northeast Audio Visual	54.50	
Judith O'Neil	270.00	
Arthur G. Scott, Jr.	270.62	
Jean M. Robinson	420.00	
Victoria Stickney	31.00	
Electric Company	43.20	
Edward O. Hatch	202.75	
N. H. School Boards Association	2.50	
Ray Flaherty	6.00	
Gladys Apgar	16.00	
Bruce Donahue	473.00	
Ann Shuster	265.00	
CES Savings Account	59.30	

Robert Kalman	\$ 360.00	
Instructor	9.49	
N. H. Music Ed. Association	5.00	
Tom Ray Office Supply	14.25	
Garrard Publishing Company	6.04	
Constance Kerr	10.00	
Brenda Phelan	10.00	
NAESP	45.00	
National Council English	1.55	
Mrs. Frederick Price	72.80	
Center Applied Research	25.50	
Nancy Gallant	<u>52.80</u>	\$ 2,931.02
ATTENDANCE SERVICES		
Salaries		10.00
HEALTH SERVICES		
Salaries for Health Services		4,050.00
Other Expenses for Health Services		
School Health	108.16	
CIBA Pharmaceutical	1.50	
Barbara Haskell	82.52	
Chester Elementary School	.69	
Paul F. Gustavson, MD	101.00	
American School Health	20.00	
School Health Supply	<u>9.60</u>	323.47
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION		
Contracted Services for Transportation		16,012.96
OPERATION OF PLANT		
Salaries for Operation of Plant		10,213.02
Supplies for Operation of Plant		
American Standard	172.96	
Great Bay Lighting	215.82	
Hillyard	254.20	
Rochester Germicide	486.70	
M. D. Stetson Co.	383.95	
Central Paper Prod.	221.67	
Fuel Activator Chem.	30.00	
B & G Specialty Co.	4.96	
J R Pepper Electric	55.20	
Chester Elementary School	2.50	
Frosted Foods Inc.	5.25	
Jutras Signs Inc.	15.26	
George Johnson Co.	<u>123.55</u>	1,972.02
Contracted Services for Operation of Plant		
Myron Cate	528.00	
Kevin C. Scott	50.00	

University of New Hampshire	\$ 33.12	\$ 611.12
Heat		
Public Service Company	1,479.70	
Towles Heating Oils	3,659.71	
Chester Heating Oils	315.36	
Eli N. Marcotte	<u>258.55</u>	5,713.32
Utilities		
Public Service Company	3,222.60	
Suburban Propane	198.03	
Granite State Telephone	<u>597.84</u>	4,018.47
MAINTENANCE OF PLANT		
Replacement of Equipment		
Strandell Equipment	1,940.00	
K Mart	139.96	
Chester Elementary School	<u>175.00</u>	2,254.96
Repair to Equipment		
M D Stetson Co.	5.50	
B & G Specialty Co.	18.00	
Northeast Audio Visual	41.10	
Mainco School Supply	129.48	
Strandell Power Equipment	9.40	
3M Business Products Sales	<u>11.90</u>	215.38
Contracted Services for Maintenance of Plant		
IBM	49.50	
Northeast Audio Visual	106.10	
Standard Duplicator	17.50	
Strandell Power Equipment	118.65	
Suburban Propane	6.75	
N. H. Welding Supply Co.	77.25	
Wright Electric Inc.	6.50	
Acme Glass Company	131.85	
J. R. Pepper Electric	273.20	
Donald Carey, Sr.	67.00	
Derry Glass Co.	213.67	
C. J. Miers & Son	37.75	
Alfred Delorey	375.30	
Eli N. Marcotte	9.85	
A. W. Therrien Co., Inc.	34.20	
Dolloff Excavating	30.00	
3M	<u>47.50</u>	1,602.57
Repair to Buildings		
Benson's	491.68	
Currier Window Co.	55.50	
M. D. Stetson	20.00	
B & G Specialty	62.12	

Campbell Hardware	\$ 210.15	\$ 839.45
FIXED CHARGES		
Retirement		
Employees Retirement System	258.87	
Teacher Retirement System	2,719.65	2,978.52
FICA		8,996.85
Insurance		
Curtis Insurance Agency	3,574.20	
Blue Cross	<u>2,911.87</u>	6,486.07
SCHOOL LUNCH AND SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM		
Transfer of Federal Funds to Lunch Program		7,405.11
STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES		
Salaries		600.00
Expenditures & Transfers of Monies		299.25
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Sites		
Marcour Construction Company	26,610.00	
Dickson Holden & Assoc.	1,210.00	
Clifton D. Holman	75.00	
Treas. State of N.H.	<u>140.00</u>	28,035.00
New Equipment for Construction		
J. L. Hammett	1,878.83	
Donald I. Carey, Sr.	31.00	
Northeast Audio Visual	121.04	
A. B. Dick	<u>725.00</u>	2,755.87
DEBT SERVICE		
Principal of Debt		
Indian Head National Bank		6,000.00
Interest on Debt		
Indian Head National Bank		3,135.00
OUTGOING TRANSFER ACCOUNTS		
Tuition-In State		
City of Manchester	14,493.50	
Pinkerton Academy	115,232.22	
Hudson School District	1,254.99	
Raymond School District	6,440.50	
Treas. Raymond School District	6,440.50	
Salem School District	<u>1,035.88</u>	144,897.59
Transportation-In State		
Raymond School District	110.00	

C. & C. Frederick	<u>\$ 1,203.60</u>	\$ 1,313.60
District Share of Supervisory Union Expenses		13,135.29
Tuition to Other Than Public Schools		
Easter Seal Rehab,	2,655.00	
Miss Jacques School	3,510.00	
Marc Moore Center	<u>1,400.00</u>	7,565.00
Transportation to Other Than Public Schools		
Arthur H. Watts	7,559.00	
L. A. Gallant	<u>493.20</u>	8,052.20
TOTAL NET PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES		443 ,129.31

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The management of public education, as well as, the management of many other institutions is experiencing rapid changes. Newly enacted federal and state laws, as well as current interpretation of old laws, are slowly eroding the school board's authority to manage the schools.

An example of this trend is the newly enacted State of New Hampshire Employee Labor Relations Law.

Probably more than any other law in the past several years, this new state law has had or will have a major impact upon the school board's managerial role in running the schools.

According to this new collective negotiations law the teachers or their chosen representative now have the legal right to share the management of the school system.

This simply means that:

1. Public employees (teachers) now have the legal right to organize for the purpose of bargaining with school boards.
2. School Boards now must bargain with teachers and put in writing any agreement reached, including a grievance procedure.
3. Both parties now must make a "good faith" effort to reach agreement.
4. The topic of negotiations now shall be terms of employment which simply means wages, working hours, working assignments and any other condition of employment (this could conceivably mean anything pertaining to the management of the schools).

If schools continue to maintain reasonable teachers' salaries and also maintain suitable working conditions, probably no serious problem will be encountered in complying with this new legislation. On the other hand, if these two conditions are not maintained, conflict is inevitable. Let us hope that in Supervisory Union No. 14 all districts will continue to maintain reasonable teachers' salaries and suitable working conditions.

As both School Board Chairperson Gould, and Acting Principal Kalman have so appropriately stated in their messages, the Town of Chester has indeed suffered a great loss in the sudden and unexpected deaths of Principal Arthur G. Scott, Jr. and Head Custodian Ralph Potter. These two men, each in his own way, will long be remembered for untiring and unselfish efforts in the performance of their respective assignments.

Mr. Kalman reports:

"A milestone was reached at the start of the 1976-77 school year. Enrollment on opening day exceeded the 300 mark as 306 pupils -- the largest enrollment in Chester School history -- took their places to begin another year. By contrast, on opening day September, 1975 there were 275 pupils. School attendance, therefore, has increased eleven percent. By the time of the writing of this report in early January, 1977, enrollment had risen to 309 pupils.

The names of the teachers, their grade levels and the number of pupils in each class are noted in another section of the School Report. The list of the eleven classroom teachers as of September, 1976 includes two new faculty members. Mr. Brian Titus was employed to replace Mr. Bruce Donohue, who, after five years of teaching in Chester, resigned to assume a guidance counselling position in the Nashua School System. Mrs. Dianne Quimby was employed to replace Miss Judith Yeaton, who resigned in order to relocate in Florida. One other new faculty member, Mr. Robert Hooker, was added to the professional staff in December. Mr. Hooker took over my teaching duties when Mr. Arthur Scott requested to be released from his assignment as principal. This necessitated my reassignment to assume the principal's responsibilities. Also, Mrs. Phyllis Arnow was hired in January to temporarily replace Mrs. Candice Roux, grade 3/4, who was granted a maternity leave of absence.

Other members of the professional staff employed by the school to provide health services and corrective or supportive education are: Miss Jean Robinson, Remedial Reading; Miss Barbara Haskell, R. N., nurse and guidance counsellor; Mrs. Beverly Ells, part-time teacher aide; and Mrs. Myrna McKinnon, Library services. Mrs. McKinnon, new to her position this year, replaced Mrs. Sally St. Clair who resigned in order to assume greater duties with the U. S. Postal Service.

Two new programs, one in art, the other in music, were introduced during this school year. Mrs. Jane McNamara began formal art instruction for grades one through eight in January. Initial student response to being made visually aware of form, shape and a new way of communicating has been thoroughly enthusiastic. At this writing it was anticipated that Mrs. Carol Ryan would begin a general music program in February for grades one through six, and revive band instruction for interested pupils in grades four through eight. Both Mrs. McNamara and Mrs. Ryan serve the school on a part-time basis.

Federal Aid to Education, Title I, supports the part-time services for Resource Education which is under the direction of Miss Susan Shostak. Title I also supports our Speech Therapy Program. Mrs. Donna Baroody, who is new to Chester this year, is the speech therapist.

The School Lunch Program continues to be capably provided by Mrs. Clara Dolloff, supervisor, Mrs. Marie Brander, assistant, and Mrs. Joan Hicks, part-time assistant. A major renovation of the kitchen facilities was made over the summer. A new serving system, which includes a four-unit food warmer, a stainless steel work table, a stainless steel sink and a completely compartmentalized tray service, was installed. An industrial dish washer and a stainless counter were also added. Mrs. Dolloff and Mrs. Brander report that while the new facility has pinched off some of the total kitchen working space, it has nevertheless allowed the school lunch program to become measurably more efficient.

One other new piece of equipment was installed during the summer: an automatic bell system. The system has allowed the upper grade departmentalized change of classes to become more efficient, and the timing of school-wide routines more regular.

Mrs. Genevieve Rowell has capably continued to perform her innumerable responsibilities as the School Secretary.

Custodial duties have been very competently handled by Mr. Robert Nicoll, Custodian, and Mr. James Berry, part-time assistant, since the sudden passing of Mr. Ralph Potter.

Mr. Potter worked at Chester School for nine years, but his contribution to the school, to the staff and to children went beyond the normal custodial duties of making the school's physical plant an attractive, pleasant environment in which to learn and work. For, besides being a dependable, skilled and forthright individual, Bud Potter possessed a vitality of spirit which touched us all. His active concern for the welfare of the children was reflected in the way the children responded to him. We are all saddened by his loss, but take comfort in the fact that we were able to share in his life.

An on-going administrative goal has been one of regularly evaluating, adjusting and updating the educational offerings in order to better serve pupil needs. In 1974, after careful study and review, faculty committees initiated basic statements of philosophy and recommended new programs of instruction in math and in language arts. Both programs were implemented in September of that year and have proven to be successful.

In 1975, again after faculty committee consideration, a new spelling program was integrated curriculum. That too has been deemed a success in light of the observable new awareness and understanding students are able to show in this vital area of communications.

Continuing this evaluative process in the curricula, a committee recommendation was made in 1976 for the adoption of a new program of instruction in social studies. In September, Discovering American History (Holt, Rinehart and Winston) was introduced into the 8th grade social studies program. At this writing, the committee is in the process of selecting and finalizing an appropriate program for grades one through seven. Next year it is anticipated that the curriculum in science will undergo a similar evaluation, as well reading in the 1978-79 school year.

Education has recently entered a period of time referred to by some as a movement "back-to-basics." This seems a rather curious phrase, because in the six years I have been associated with the Chester School, a basic, fundamental education has always been the collective philosophical objective of all the teachers, especially during the period of time Mr. Arthur Scott administrated as principal.

Mr. Scott has left a legacy for those of us who were fortunate enough to work under him as a principal, and to know him as a colleague and friend. Mr. Scott was firmly committed to the improvement, expansion and enrichment of the educational programs at Chester School. To that end he dedicated himself to the needs and concerns of all pupils entrusted to him; a commitment all of us on the faculty share.

With Mr. Scott's untimely passing, we members of the faculty have rededicated ourselves to promote the kind of fundamentally sound, traditional school program which not only concerns itself with the "basics," but which also attends to the growth of the whole child.

TO THE CITIZENS OF CHESTER

I would like to express my appreciation to the Chester School Board for allowing me the opportunity of reporting to you about Pinkerton Academy.

On October 1, 1976 there were 2102 students enrolled at the Academy. 113 of these students are from Chester. Pinkerton continues to grow as the communities around us experience a tremendous influx of new-comers to this area. During the 1977-78 school year we will reach a maximum of about 2200 students before dropping back to approximately 1750 students for the school year 1978-79 as the town of Londonderry completes its own high school.

The present staff at the Academy consists of 113 people. The following is a breakdown by the various departments:

Administration	3	Practical Arts	8
English	22	Language	7
Social Studies	19	Guidance	4
Vocational	14	Special Education	1
Mathematics	12	Librarian	1
Science	12	Nurse	1
Business	8	Business Manager	1

There are ten curricula offered at the Academy giving the students a wide range of subject areas to pick from for their career fields. The following is a brief outline of each curriculum:

1. Classical Curriculum is a college preparatory program for students interested in pursuing a career in the foreign language field.

2. Scientific Curriculum is a college preparatory program designed for students interested in pursuing a career in the science field of mathematics.

3. Social Science Curriculum is a college preparatory program designed for students interested in majoring in the fields of English or history.

4. Business Training Curriculum is a program designed for students interested in pursuing a career in the business related fields.

5. Commercial Curriculum is a program designed for students interested in becoming secretaries or other office related employment.

6. Agri-Business Curriculum is a program designed for students interested in the agriculture field or the horticultural field.

7. Home Economics Curriculum is a program designed for students interested in learning the practical aspects of home management.

8. Forestry Curriculum is a four-year program designed for students interested in forestry related fields.

9. Pre-vocational Curriculum is designed for freshmen and sophomores interested in exploring the areas of wood shop, drafting, electricity and power mechanics.

10. Vocational Curriculum is designed for juniors and seniors interested in specialized double period programs in residential wiring, advanced drafting, building trades and advanced power mechanics. There is also a two-year program available in distributive education.

There are 159 different courses available to the students. This allows the students a wide variety of courses to choose from for their career opportunities. Our program of study is set up to meet the needs of all the students, depending

on their individual potentials.

The present state requirements for a high school diploma consist of sixteen academic credits. These are made up of four credits of English, one credit of mathematics, one credit of science, two credits of social science and eight credits of elective subjects.

The Academy offers cross-country, football, soccer, basketball, winter track, baseball, lacrosse and spring track for boys. The girls can participate in cross-country, field hockey, bowling, basketball, cheerleading, winter track, softball and spring track.

The music program at the school consists of a marching band, concert band, jazz band and singing groups consisting of a mixed chorus, girls chorus and a madrigal choir.

There are twenty-one clubs and organizations available to the students, plus fifteen annual activities for the students to participate in during the year. The school provides twelve dances for the students, for their enjoyment and for fund raising.

Following is a list of accomplishments by Chester students during the first half of this school year:

1. The following students have made the honor roll:

Senior	- Penny Rowell	Sophomores	- Barry Frederick
Juniors	- Kathleen LeClair		Theodore Scott
	Lauri Avery		Suzanne Finney
	Audrey Bragdon		Kenneth LeClair
	Brian Kinsman		
	Burr Probert	Freshmen	- None

2. The following students received a major letter:

Football	- Paul Schoffield	Activities Letters	- Laurie Avery
Boys Cross Country:	Burr Probert		Ellen Wilson
Girls Cross Country:	Jennifer Colburn		Penny Rowell
			Diane Chinn

3. There are two students who have been elected to the National Honor Society:

Senior	- Penny Rowell
Junior	- Lauri Avery

4. Michael Finney has been selected for the National Future Farmers of America Chorus and the New Hampshire All-State Chorus for the third year.

5. Katherine Scott was elected to the student council representing the senior class.

Pinkerton Academy continues to provide a quality education for the citizens of Chester at a reasonable cost. We continue to be a traditional school with an emphasis on a sound basic education. We believe in providing students with an opportunity to receive a good quality education.

I want to extend an invitation to all to visit the Academy and become involved in the many activities available to students and parents.

In closing I would like to pay tribute to Arthur Scott who assisted me every year in the placement of the junior high school students. He was an outstanding educator and will be missed by all of us at Pinkerton Academy.

ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOL

The following tabulation shows the enrollment in the Chester School as of September 3, 1976:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Total</u>
No. of Pupils	44	41	32	39	31	34	33	50	304

ENROLLMENT IN GRADE SCHOOL

The following tabulation shows the enrollment in the Chester Elementary School with grade assignments as of September 3, 1976:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>No. of Pupils</u>
Mrs. Brenda Phelan	1	28
Miss Victoria Stickney	1/2	29
Mrs. Gladys P. Appar	2	28
Mrs. Susan Taylor	3	22
Mrs. Candice Roux	3/4	21
Mrs. Constance Kerr	4	28
Mrs. Dianne Quimby	5	31
Miss Ann Shuster	6	34
Mr. Robert Kalman	7	33
Mrs. Judith O'Neil	8	25
Mr. Brian Titus	8	25
		304

ENROLLMENT IN HIGH SCHOOL

The following tabulation shows the number of tuitioned high school pupils, school of attendance and the per pupil tuition rate:

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>NO. OF PUPILS</u>	<u>TUITION RATE - PER PUPIL</u>
Pinkerton Academy	117	\$1,137.00
Manchester Central	10	1,350.00
Raymond Consolidated	10	1,221.00
Alvirne High School	2	1,387.00

ENROLLMENT IN SPECIAL CLASSES

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>NO. OF PUPILS</u>	<u>TUITION RATE - PER PUPIL</u>
Easter Seal Rehabilitation Ctr.	3	1@ \$ 950.00
		2@ 1,221.00
Mrs. Jacques Private School	1	1,500.00
Salem Special Class	1	1,200.00

CHESTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GRADUATION CLASS OF 1976

John Avery	Joel Whitcher
Glen Brann	Joseph Wood
David Britton	Alan Jussif
Anthony Cataldo	Robert Knowlton
Benjamin Fitzgerald	Amy Baker
Phillip Foscitt	Joan Bruhmiller
David Greene	Jennifer Colburn
David Huston	Tammy Cooper
Robert Jeans	Deborah Davis
James Jellison	Joanne Goddard
Augustus Lowell	Barbara Labonte
Scott McFarland	Sandra LeFevre
James Mahan	Rose McFarland
Jon Millsaps	Janet Morrill
John Pepper	Suzanne Noyes
Garrett Probert	Valerie Pierce
Robert Webster	Polly-Anna Ross
Mona Wilson	Mary Towle
Dawn Simpson	

PUPILS WHO COMPLETED GRADE 12 - 1976

PINKERTON ACADEMY

Lynn Aramini	Mary Mahan
Wendy Arthur	Michael Noyes
Gretchen Carey	Sharon Rand
Stephen Davis	Linda Schoffield
James Flynn	Cathy Smith
Catharine Hazelton	Priscilla Taylor
Susan Healey	Kris Topliff
Catherine Jeans	Thomas Young

RAYMOND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

Bonnie Bethune	Kevin Cottrell
Harry Roberts	

MANCHESTER SCHOOLS

Steven Whitcher	Gregory Zito
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SUPERVISORY UNION NO. 14

Administrative Salaries

	Share of Superintendent's Salary	Share of Asst. Supts. Salary
Chester	\$4,557.00	\$3,851.40
Epping	7,277.25	6,150.45
Fremont	2,766.75	2,338.35
Newmarket	<u>8,649.00</u>	<u>7,309.80</u>
	\$23,250.00	\$19,650.00

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1977-78

School opens September 7, 1977 (Wednesday)	
School closes December 21, 1977 (Wednesday)	73 days
School opens January 4, 1978 (Wednesday)	
School closes February 24, 1978 (Friday)	38 days
School opens March 6, 1978 (Monday)	
School closes April 21, 1978 (Friday)	35 days
School opens May 1, 1978 (Monday)	
School closes June 16, 1978 (Friday)	<u>34 days</u>
	180 days

NO SCHOOL DAYS

November 11 - Veterans' Day
November 24 - 25 - Thanksgiving Recess
December 22 - January 3 - Christmas Vacation
February 27 - March 3 - Winter Vacation
April 24 - 28 - Spring Vacation
May 30 - Memorial Day



TO REPORT A FIRE - DIAL 3250 - EMERGENCY PHONE ONLY

Permits required for ALL Open Fires. Arrangements for Permits may be obtained by calling: RAYMOND I. DOLLOFF, JR. - 887-3809 or JACK TOWLE - 887-4155.

POLICE - DIAL 3229

TOWN FACILITIES

DISPOSAL AREA, RTE 102

SUMMER

Thursday: 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday: Noon - 4 p.m.

WINTER

Saturday: Noon - 4 p.m.

Sunday: Noon - 4 p.m.

LIBRARY - TOWN HALL

Tuesday: 10 a.m. - 12 Noon

Thursday: 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

CHURCH SERVICES

Congregational Church: Protestant Services - Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Reverend Topliff, Pastor

Catholic Services: Saturday evening, 5:30 p.m. - (St. Paul's Parish, Candia, N.H.)

Father Lefevre, Pastor

MEDICAL

Derry Area Ambulance Service - 432-2556

Hospital - Alexander Eastman, Derry, N.H. - 432-2533

Poison Center - Mary Hitchcock Hospital, Hanover, N.H. - 643-4000

Visiting Nurses Association - 432-7776

MEETINGS

TOWN MEETING - 1st Tuesday in March - Town Hall

SCHOOL MEETING - Saturday P.M. before Town Meeting - Town Hall

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING - 4th Thursday of Month - School

SELECTMEN MEETINGS - 1st and 3rd Mondays of Month - Town Hall

FIRE MEETING - 1st Tuesday of Month - Firehouse

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